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OF THE

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Benefactions from any persons, whether members or not, towards the Society's general objects, or to any particular branch of them, and all payments on the Society's account, will be received by remittances, or by payment at the Society's office, or by the Secretary or Treasurer of any of the District Branches.

It is requested that the Annual Accounts of District Branches, and a list of all members in their respective Districts, may be transmitted by or before the last day of March in each year.

Forms of Conveyance for securing the title of lands to the Bishop, the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, or the Incumbent or Rector of any particular living, may be obtained at the Society's house.

A general meeting of the Incorporated Members is held at three o'clock, P.M., on the second Wednesday in every month, August and September excepted.

The stated monthly meetings of the Standing Committee are held at three o'clock, P. M., on the first Wednesday in each month, August and September excepted. During Lent these meetings are held on the Thursday subsequent.

The Quarterly Collections to be made in the several churches, chapels, and stations will be applied to the following objects: General Purpose Fund, or any special object the Society may determine on, in the month of January; Students' Fund, in April; Mission Fund, in July; Widows and Orphans' Fund, in October.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto ;

INCORPORATED BY THE STATUTE OF CANADA, 7 VICTORIA, CAP. 68,
FOR PROMOTING THE FOLLOWING OBJECTS :

FIRST—For the encouragement and support of Missionaries and Clergymen of the United Church of England and Ireland within the Diocese of Toronto, and for creating a fund towards the augmentation of the stipends of poor Clergymen, and towards making provision for those who may be incapacitated by age or infirmity, and for the Widows and Orphans of the Clergy of the said Church in the said Diocese.

SECONDLY—For the encouragement of Education, and for the Support of Day-schools and Sunday-schools in the said Diocese, in conformity with the principles of the said Church.

THIRDLY—For granting assistance, where it may be necessary, to those who may be preparing for the Ministry of the Gospel in the said Church, within the said Diocese.

FOURTHLY—For circulating in the said Diocese the Holy Scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer of the said Church, and such other Books and Tracts as shall be approved by the Central Board or Managing Committee of the said Association.

FIFTHLY—For obtaining and granting aid towards the erection, endowment, and maintenance of Churches, according to the establishment of the said Church, in the said Diocese; the erection and maintenance of Parsonage-houses; the setting apart of Burial-grounds and Church-yards; the endowment and support of Parsonages and Rectories, according to the same establishment, and the management of all matters relating to such endowment.

I.

That before the Society shall enter upon any business at any of its meetings, the following Prayers shall be said:—

“PRESENT us, O Lord, in all our doings, with Thy most gracious favour, and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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"O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all works of piety and charity do proceed, we beseech Thee to visit with Thy favour our Sovereign Queen VICTORIA, and so rule her heart, that she may in all things seek Thy honour and glory. Prosper with Thy blessing the designs of this Society. Comfort with Thy grace those benefactors who contribute to its support. Bless the ministry of Thy servants, the Clergy; the endeavours of all who are engaged in spreading the knowledge of true religion in this Province, and the labours of those Missionaries who are promoting the same in foreign parts. And may Thy Holy Spirit direct all our consultations to the advancement of Thy glory, and the good of Thy Church, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

"O MERCIFUL GOD, who hast made all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, nor wouldest the death of a sinner, but rather that he should be converted and live: have mercy upon all Jews, Turks, infidels and heretics, and also upon all those heathen nations upon which the light of Thy glorious Gospel hath not yet shone; especially the Indians of this continent. Bless the means used for their civilization and conversion, and take from them all ignorance, hardness of heart, and contempt of Thy Word; and so fetch them home, blessed Lord, to Thy flock, that they may be saved among the remnant of the true Israelites, and be made one fold under one Shepherd, Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. *Amen.*

"OUR FATHER, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. *Amen.*"

AND WHEN BUSINESS IS ENDED.

"ALMIGHTY GOD, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give Thee most humble and hearty thanks for all Thy goodness and loving-kindness, to us and to all men: more particularly for the providential support by which this Society hath been enabled to spread abroad the knowledge of Thy sacred truth. But above all, for Thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by Thy blessed Son; for the means of grace and for the hope of glory, which Thou hast given us, in the same our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ: to whom with Thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

"The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*"

II.

That all those who are now, or who shall hereafter become, Members of the Association, and who shall subscribe Ten Shillings annually to the Funds of the Society, or contribute as much as Five Pounds in one sum, shall be Associated Members of the Society, and shall be eligible to be Members of the Corporation.

III.

That every Incorporated Member subscribe not less than One Pound Five Shillings annually to the Funds of the Society, or contribute not less than Twelve Pounds Ten Shillings in one sum, or land to the value of Twenty-five Pounds; and that the Standing Committee be empowered, with the sanction of the President, to recommend persons whether Associated Members or not, to be elected into the Corporation as Life Members, who shall have contributed through any of the Parochial Associations in connexion with the Society, in money, the sum of Twenty Pounds, or in land to the value of Thirty Pounds, for any of the following special purposes:—To be invested or held in trust for the Widows and Orphans' Fund; to

be invested or held in trust for the endowment of a Church-school, and that it shall be the duty of the Secretary at the Meeting in the month of October in each and every year to make a return of those who have not paid up the 25s. for the year ending the 30th day of April previous, and that he shall propose that such names be erased from the list of Incorporated Members.

IV.

That the Corporation shall consist of the Bishop of Toronto for the time being, of the members appointed by the Charter, and of so many of the other Associated Members of the Society as shall be elected by ballot Members of the Corporation, at the meetings to be from time to time holden on the days and at the place appointed by the By-laws of the Corporation for its stated meetings. Provided always that the whole number of Members of the said Corporation, in addition to those who are made Members by the Statute, shall at no time exceed three hundred, and that the whole number of Members of the Corporation shall never be less than one hundred.

V.

That the Standing Committee of the Society, to be appointed as provided in one of the following By-laws, be empowered, with the sanction of the President, to recommend persons, whether Associated Members or not, to be elected into the Corporation, without reference to the limitation of numbers.

VI.

That the Lord Bishop of Toronto for the time being shall be President of the Society, and the Venerable the Archdeacons within the Diocese shall be Vice-Presidents.

VII.

That the Society shall, at their Meeting on the second Wednesday in June in each year, choose one or more Vice-President or Vice-Presidents in addition to the Archdeacons; one or more Treasurer or Treasurers; two or more auditors; one Secretary; and such other officers, ministers, and servants as shall be thought convenient to serve in the said offices for the year ensuing. Provided always, that no person not a member of the Society be eligible to any office.

VIII.

That the paid officers of the Society to be appointed by the foregoing rule, shall be a Secretary, and a subordinate officer to be selected by himself; that the former shall be in Holy Orders, uncharged with Parochial cure, and that he shall furnish security to the satisfaction of the Solicitor to the amount of £1000, himself in £500, and two sureties in £250 each. Also the Auditors.

IX.

That the Standing Committee shall propose to the Board at the General Meeting in October a list of seven Members of the Society, to form the Tract and Book Committee for the year ensuing; that at that meeting any member be at liberty to propose another list of seven members of the Society, instead of that proposed by the Standing Committee; and that the election of the Tract and Book Committee take place at the General Meeting in November.

X.

That if it shall happen that any of the persons at any time chosen into any of the said offices shall die, or on any account be removed from such office at any time during the period for which he was elected or appointed to serve, in such case the President, or any one of the Vice-Presidents, shall convene a meeting, to be held at the usual place of meeting of the Society, at such time as shall be specified in the notice of such meeting; and that such Members of the Corporation as shall be present at the meeting, or a majority of them, shall and may choose an officer or officers in

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the room or place of such person or persons so dead or removed, as to them shall seem meet. Provided, that it shall not be necessary for any such Meeting to be called for supplying a vacancy in the office of Vice-President: but the President may do so in his discretion.

XI.

That the Society shall and may, on the second Wednesday in every month, excepting the months of August and September, forever hereafter, and oftener if occasion requires, meet at the place heretofore used for the transaction of the business of the said Society, or such other place as may be hereafter appointed for that purpose; and that the President or Standing Committee have power to call a special Meeting of the said Society at any time. In Lent the meetings to be holden on Thursday instead of Wednesday.

XII.

That no act done in any meeting of the said Society shall be valid and effectual unless the President, or some one of the Vice-Presidents, shall be present at such Meeting.

XIII.

And with regard to all meetings of the Society, and to the making, altering, or repealing any By-laws, Rules or Regulations, at such Meetings, it is to be specially noticed, that by the Act of the Legislature incorporating this Society (7 Vic. ch. 68), it is enacted that no act done in such Assembly or meeting of the Corporation shall be valid or effectual, unless six persons of the Corporation, at the least, shall be present, and the major part of them consenting thereto.

And further, that no Constitution, By-law, Rule or Regulation of the Society, nor any abrogation, repeal, change or alteration of the same, shall be passed, except notice of such intention shall have been given at the previous monthly meeting, and then it shall not be of any force or effect until it shall have been sanctioned and confirmed by the Bishop of, or administering, the Diocese for the time being, by writing under his hand.

XIV.

That there shall be a Standing Committee (three of whom shall be a quorum), to prepare the business for the Monthly Meetings of the Society.

That the President, Vice-Presidents, Rural Deans and Secretary, be *ex officio* members of the Standing Committee.

That the other members of the Standing Committee, not exceeding twenty in number, shall be elected by the Society out of its Incorporated Members residing in the City of Toronto and its vicinity, also of a Clerical and Lay member from each of the several District Branch Associations in connexion with the Parent Society, to be elected annually by such Branch Association.

That of the non-official Members of the Standing Committee residing in the City of Toronto and its vicinity, the four who having been on the Standing Committee for one entire year, have attended the fewest meetings of the Standing Committee during the twelve months ending on the first Wednesday in March, shall go out at the Annual Meeting in June; and if any doubt shall arise under this rule, which Member of those who have attended the fewest meetings is to retire, then the one who has served the shortest time on the Committee shall be considered to have vacated his seat.

That the Standing Committee shall recommend to the Society at its Meeting in March in each year four Members to be elected in the place of the four retiring Members, who shall not be eligible for the ensuing year.

That any Member of the Society wishing to propose other candidates for election on the Standing Committee, be required to give in the names of such candidates to be proposed by him, at or before the Monthly Meeting in March.

XV.

That Minutes of all the proceedings of the Society be taken, and that at each meeting of the Society the Minutes of the preceding meeting be read by the Secretary, and signed by the Chairman.

XVI.

That the accounts of the Society be closed on the thirtieth day of April in each year; and that the same be audited within one month from that date.

XVII.

That the Secretary conduct the correspondence of the Society, take Minutes of the proceedings of the General Meetings and Committees, prepare the Annual Report of the Society, attend meetings of the Branches throughout the Diocese under the direction of the President, and take the general superintendence of the affairs and accounts of the Society in all its departments.

XVIII.

In connexion and correspondence with the Society, District Associations shall be established, comprising one or more Districts (as shall be approved by the President), the same to be composed of the Clergy resident within the bounds of the district, and all other Members who shall contribute in aid of the Society's Funds; the Archdeacon, or Senior Clergyman resident within its bounds, shall *ex officio* be Chairman of such District Branch Associations, with whom shall be associated, as composing a Committee of Management, all Clergymen in the District, and one or more Laymen from each congregation which observes the constitution, rules and regulations of the Society, and from none others, the lay members to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the District Branch.

A General Meeting of each Branch District Association shall be held in each year, at any time and place which may be agreed upon at a previous Quarterly Meeting of the Committee of Management; and Quarterly Meetings of the Committee of Management—not less than five to form a quorum—shall be held for the transaction of the ordinary business of the Branch Association.

In order the more fully to carry out the objects of the Society, each parish, in the person of its Clergyman and Churchwardens, shall be a Sub-Association, in correspondence, through its Chairman (the Clergyman), with the District Branch Associations, and may be denominated, *The Parochial Committee of the Church Society*. The Committee shall meet so often, and at such periods, as they shall themselves decide to be most convenient, inviting the cooperation of all the Parishioners in their deliberations and designs. They shall collect subscriptions and donations from the members of the Church, in such manner as they shall deem most effective, and endeavour by every means in their power to augment the resources of the Society. All moneys raised to be transmitted to the Treasurer of the District Association.

The Treasurer of each District Association shall transmit annually the full sum of £1 5s. for each duly recognised Clergyman, and also for each incorporated member within his district, and in case of life membership the full sum of £12 10s., together with one-fourth of all the moneys paid into his hands, to the Treasurer of the Society at Toronto, to be at the disposal of the Central Board, and the remaining three-fourths of such collections shall, when required, be expended within the Parish or District in which they have been made, for such objects only as are specified in the Constitution of the Society—the allotment to be made at the Quarterly Meetings of the District Branch Association. All moneys not required to be expended for local purposes, and remaining unappropriated at the General Annual Meeting of the District Associations, shall be forthwith transmitted to the Treasurer of the Society at Toronto.

The District Associations, through their respective Secretaries, shall communicate to the Secretary of the Parent Society at Toronto a minute statement of all receipts and expenditures within the sphere of their operations, embodied in the form of a Report, one in each year, so soon as convenient after the General Annual Meeting of such District Branch Associations.

XIX.

That four Sermons be preached annually in the several Churches, Chapels, and Stations in this Diocese, in aid of the funds of the Society, at such times as the Lord Bishop shall appoint; that of these collections the proceeds of one shall be for the benefit of the Widows and Orphans of Clergymen deceased; of another, for the

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maintenance of Travelling or Resident Missionaries in this Diocese; of another, to aid Theological Students; and that the proceeds of the fourth shall be appropriated to any other objects embraced within its Constitution, as the Society may from time to time direct.

XX.

That no application for a grant, loan, or other assistance, be entertained from any Rectory, Incumbency or Mission, in which there shall not have been established a "Parochial Committee" of this Society under the provisions of the article of the Constitution thereof, reporting to and in communication with the Parent Society, and in which all the requirements of said Constitution shall not have been complied with, unless upon the omission of such requirement a special written dispensation shall have been obtained within three months of the date thereof; and further, that accompanying such application there be a distinct accurate description of the object towards which aid is sought, together with a detailed account of the sum of money collected in the locality or elsewhere towards the same object, and how applied: Provided nevertheless, that it shall be at all times competent for the President to recommend to the Standing Committee any case which in his Lordship's opinion may require special consideration; and should the Standing Committee report favourably thereon, that the Society may in such case grant the assistance so sought, or any portion thereof; and further, that no application be entertained from the Widow or Orphan or the guardian of the Orphan of any deceased Clergyman of this Diocese who shall not have conformed to the provisions and requirements of a certain By-law, entitled a "By-law for the due administration and improving the Widows and Orphans' Fund of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto," and also of any amendments to the said By-law, which may be enacted from time to time according to the provisions of the Constitution of the said Society, unless upon the omission of any of the said requirements a special written dispensation had been granted by his Lordship the President, and forwarded to the Secretary for registration within three months after the date thereof. Provided, nevertheless, that it shall be at all times competent for the President to recommend to the Standing Committee any case which in his Lordship's opinion may require special consideration, and should the Standing Committee report favourably thereon, that then the Society may grant such proportion of any annuity as to said Society may seem fit; and that it be the duty of the Secretary, after each Annual Meeting of the Society, to notify to each Clergyman whether he have or have not complied with the requests which would entitle his Widow and Orphans to the Pension.

XXI.

That the Charter and these By-laws do together form the Constitution of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, and that nothing which is contained in the Constitution of the Society established on the 28th day of April, 1842, or in any By-law, Rule, or Regulation, amending or altering the same, shall apply to, or be in force in respect to, the Incorporated Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, except such provisions thereof as are above continued in force.

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PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING AT TORONTO, HELD ON
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11TH, 1857.

In presenting the Fifteenth Annual Report of the Diocesan Church Society, the Committee cannot but express a feeling of deep humiliation in announcing the fact, that instead of that large increase in the funds of the institution which might have been anticipated, there has been a falling off, which, though but small in the absolute amount, does, nevertheless, in the mere fact that it exists to *any* extent at all, afford ground for unfeigned regret.

Your Committee are quite aware that many reasons may be assigned which will tend to explain in a very natural way the deficiency which unfortunately appears.

The great monetary pressure which has existed for some months, the consequent stagnation in commerce which has ensued, and the enormous rise which has taken place in the cost of the necessaries of life, will go far towards accounting for the diminished offerings which have been contributed towards carrying out the work of the Church Society, and moreover, when it is taken into consideration that the collections in the various parishes are seldom made till near the close of the financial year, a period which has brought them within the full influence of the commercial and monetary difficulties which have recently prevailed, your Committee deem it a cause for thankfulness that the deficiency is no greater.

The fact of the existence of a deficiency, however easily it may be accounted for, brings with fearful prominence before the mind, a custom of the prevalence of which it affords incontestable evidence, that, namely, of making our first retrenchment in our religious offerings, whenever the circumstances of our time or position call for economy.

The absorbing spirit of reckless speculation which for some time past has been so rife among us has induced almost every class in their hot haste to be rich for this world, to run the risk of making themselves eternally poor by withholding from Him "who alone giveth power to get wealth," that portion of their worldly substance which of right belongs to Him.

There are other thoughts, however, which are suggested to the thoughtful mind, not so much by the deficiency itself as by the very causes which would naturally be assigned for the purpose of accounting for it.

After a period of unexampled prosperity, we suddenly find ourselves obliged to account for a falling off in our religious offerings by reference to a prevailing scarcity of means, a commercial crisis, and a ruinous rise in the price of every article of consumption, combined with, and in no inconsiderable degree arising from, a wild tendency to speculation, carried out, as we may have seen in too many cases, without regard to the principles of Christian integrity, and often indeed in defiance of the simplest dictates of worldly honour.

As Christians we must recognise the divine government of the minutest affairs of men, remembering that not even a sparrow falleth to the ground without our Heavenly Father's knowledge. We cannot therefore assign the prevalence of a state of things which strongly affects the interests of so many to the influence of chance, neither ought we be content to attribute them solely to second causes. There is a God that judgeth in the earth, and in these things we should recognise his chastisements; we should moreover pause to ask what may be the special provocations which call forth these visitations of His Providence.

Notwithstanding the sneer of the scoffer who would stigmatize as superstitious the practical recognition of the divine government, we can hardly doubt that as a community we have offended the Most High by appropriating to secular uses that which had been set apart for the furtherance of His gospel, and that we already have begun to suffer the consequences of this evil deed.

The analogy of Holy Scripture, the consent of all nations, and the very nature of the crime might lead us to expect that misfortunes would befall the individuals or communities who were concerned in its perpetration. And he must be resolved to shut his eyes to the testimony of the past who will venture to deny that this probability, regarded *a priori*, is fully borne out by the testimony and facts of history.

If, then, as individuals, we would escape the guilt incurred by this act of the community, we must be careful in no way directly or indirectly to appropriate to our use that which we solemnly believe was dedicated to God's service. It can easily be ascertained what amount of the Reserve Fund has been awarded to our several municipalities, we should then make voluntary offerings for the service of God in addition to our usual contributions, equal in amount to the proportion of taxation which we should have had to pay.

INCOME.

Your Committee now submit a brief statement of the Society's Income, and of the income and expenditure on account of its several objects, a more detailed account of which will be furnished in the appendix.

The income of the Parent Society for the past year up to the time of the books being placed in the Auditor's hands, exclusive of moneys received on account of Special Trusts, after deducting £220 2s. 5d received on account of the previous year's income, and acknowledged in the last report as received after the books were closed,

Amounted to	£3008	1	10
To this may be added amount received since the books were audited.....	218	18	11
The estimated income of the several Branches and Associations, so far as has been yet ascertained, amounted to.....	£2785	6	6
Deduct as remitted to Parent Society, about one-fourth	959	14	2

	1775	12	4
Moneys received on account of various Trusts.....	371	7	5
Total receipts of Society and Branches	£5372	0	6

The Auditors report that the income of the Parent Society was £353 less than the last year, since the books left their hands £218 18s. 11d. has been received, so that up to this time the deficiency amounts to £134 2s. 7d. By comparing the above statement with that of the previous year it will be found that though the income of the District and Parochial Associations for the past year was in excess to the amount of £419, only little over one-fourth instead of one-third was remitted to the Parent Society. The Parochial Reports generally are of an encouraging character. Two or three parishes have not as yet reported. From the fact that the deficiency in the income of the Society is not attributable to a falling off in the income of the Branches, your Committee are led to believe that the laity of our communion would more liberally respond to the quarterly appeals on behalf of the principal objects of the Society were notice not only given of the object to which the collection would be applied, but likewise the cause advocated at each quarterly sermon.

Previous to each quarterly collection your Secretary has, dur-

ing the past year, been careful to insert, a plain statement of the assets and expenditure of each fund, in the *Ecclesiastical Gazette*, but now it is proposed that he transmit to every clergyman copies of the last paragraph, which has been usually printed on the fly-leaf of the Annual Report, which, if they please, can be stuck up in their studies and vestry-rooms, to remind them of the time when the several objects of the Society are to be advocated, and your committee recommend that, whenever feasible, the collections be taken up within the months specified.

SERMONS.

The proceeds of the Quarterly Collections received during the past year were as follows :

FOR THE MISSION FUND,		
Taken up at 178 stations, amounted to	£295	8 4
WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.		
At 204 stations	£460	2 10
GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.		
At 152 stations	£255	12 7
STUDENTS' FUND.		
At 121 stations	£198	12 8
Number of stations, 655	£1204	16 5

A decrease when compared with last year of one hundred and seventy-six pounds, which can be accounted for from the fact that collections were only taken up at 655 stations, instead of 717 the year previous. The year ending 30th March, 1855, the number of collections reported were, when the books closed, 725, and the year before that 808 ; whence it appears that the number of stations where collections were taken up during the past year were fewer by 62 than during the previous year, and 153 less than on the 30th March, 1854.

MISSION FUND.

Your Committee are surprised to find that the fund, which it might be supposed would be the most popular, is the one which has suffered most, the proceeds of the collections having fallen short when compared with the past year to the amount of £90 12s. 1d., 178 stations, in lieu of 224, having remitted. Your Committee are at a loss to account for this, as in the last year's report a detailed statement of the expenditure of the fund was given, and they feel confident that it must have been evident to all there were no claims in the Diocese which ought to have been preferred to those assisted by the Society ; out of £601 19s. 2d. expended, over £400 was paid towards the sustentation of our Indian Missions. It was also reported that the Parent Society was pledged to pay during the past year £437 6s, which its then income would not

enable it to meet, but they trusted that the want had only to be made known to those who had the privileges of our Church provided for them, at but small cost to the several congregations, in order to enlist their sympathies on behalf of the Indians and new settlers in the backwoods; so confident was your Committee that it only needed to prove that there was a work which, with the assistance of the members of our Church, could be carried out, that they recently recommended that the sum of £100 per annum should be paid to the Midland District, £50 each for two Missions, provided the district guaranteed £150 to each of them; and there are other missions which have greater claims because they are more destitute, and have never enjoyed the same privilege, which the Society would gladly assist if in its power. Your Committee trust that, as the collection for this object is to be taken up in July next, the clergy will advocate the cause, and the laity liberally and promptly respond. The Lord Bishop has been enabled to assist a few of the poorer missions, for instance Pembroke on the Ottawa, out of a balance in hand from the reserve fund, to the credit of the treasurer of the Society for the propagation of the Gospel, but that is now expended, and the sustentation of the present missions, and their extension, must depend upon the support afforded to this the Church's Missionary Society.

The following are the disbursements of the Society during the past year, and the liabilities contracted for the ensuing year, which it is hoped the members of the Church will enable it to meet.

Rev. J. Campbell, Missionary, Grand River	£60	0	0
Rev. J. Langtry, Nottawasaga and Collingwood	45	0	0
Mr. Keezick, Interpreter and Schoolmaster, Owen Sound.....	50	0	0
Rev. George Salmon, duty in County Norfolk.....	25	0	0
Two Interpreters, Rev. J. Flood	25	0	0
Rev. R. S. Birtch, Assistant to Rev. F. Evans	30	0	0
Mr. Chance, Catechist, Garden River, to Oct.....	25	0	0
Rev. J. Chance, Missionary from Oct. to April	32	10	0
Insurance on Mahnitooahning Church.....	5	0	0
Mr. Hogg, Schoolmaster, Muncey Indians	50	0	0
Rent, Garden River.....	6	5	0
Interpreter	6	5	0
Rev. Peter Jacobs' expenses visiting stations.....	5	0	0
Rev. Dr. O'Meara's	28	0	0
Mr. Cooper, Catechist, under Rev. F. L. Osler	15	0	0
Catechist, Irish settlement	5	0	0
Taxes on lands	6	0	5
Total.....	£417	0	5

In addition to the above sum, the Parent Society paid over to the Treasurer of the Home District £96, being the principal and interest of a sum which has for some time been held in trust for that district, for missionary purposes within the same. The Society for the current year is pledged to pay £497 10s. The difference in the above list is thus accounted for: deduct Dr.

O'Meara's expenses and Mr. Jacob's, and the rent of a house at Garden River amounting to £37 5s., add to the Rev. Mr. Chance's salary £17 10s., as, since his ordination, the Society engaged to pay him £75 per annum, and divide the amount received by the Rev. Mr. Langtry, at the commencement of last year, between his mission at Collingwood and the person to succeed Mr. Cooper as Catechist, in the southern part of the Simcoe district, then add the £100 promised conditionally to the Midland district. At least £150 ought to be at the Society's disposal for the support of a missionary to the lumbering districts on the Ottawa and other destitute places. Your Committee have no fear of failing to fulfil their engagements if the clergymen throughout the diocese will advocate the missionary cause.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.

Collections have been made for this object at 204 stations, in lieu of 212. The amount collected is proportionably decreased, being £460 2s. 10d., £24 12s. 5d. less than last year.

The sum of £908 5s. has been invested during the past year, and the interest upon all the investments duly received, with the exception of interest on the mortgage bequeathed by the late Dr. Burnside. A proposition from the Port Perry Company was received, which being acceded to by the Society, it was to have been expected that it would have been carried out ere this, but they have unreasonably delayed to complete the arrangement, and your Committee fear that they will have to place the mortgage in the hands of their solicitor for foreclosure. The sum of £300 has been paid to six widows, and £80 to the orphans of two clergymen, and £11 10s. 5d. taxes on lands held for this trust.

Your Committee have again to deplore the loss of two clergymen, the Rev. Paul Shirley, and the Rev. Thomas Marsh. They were both zealous supporters of the Church Society, and indefatigable missionaries. They were both suddenly cut off, but we have every reason to believe that their names are written in the Book of Life.

GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.

The collections on behalf of this fund were taken up at 152 stations, instead of 164, which were reported last year, and the sum received was £255 12s. 7d., being a decrease of £47. When the sum received from the Parochial Branches, amounting to £1,067 4s. 11d., is added, and rents amounting to £14 2s., it will be found that this fund, which has to bear the whole expense of management, and out of which all grants are to be made, amounted to £1,081 6s. 11s. Grants were made to aid in erecting churches and parsonages, amounting to £232 10s.; to

Mrs. Graham, £10 ; and grants of books for churches and Sunday schools amounting to £130 0s. 9d. The sums granted to each place are but small, but the applications are so numerous, and the funds being contributed from all parts of the province the Parent Society can only act impartially, and meet so far as it is able the wants of every locality. When the list of places to which grants have been made is carefully perused, it will be admitted that the complaints which have been made of preference being shown to one of the Dioceses over another, are groundless. Your Committee can state that with the exception of one or two applications from towns, every call has been granted. They regret, however, that they are now forced to recommend that no grants will be made until after next January, when it is hoped that this fund will be able to afford them, but at the present time the fund is all but exhausted, the auditors having recommended that a large amount of the balances, which from year to year have appeared to be due from different places to the Society, and looked upon therefore as assets, should be charged to this account and thus closed, in order to give a more explicit statement of the Society's position.

GRANTS.

Orillia Church	£12 10 0
Parsonage	38 2 10
Mrs. Graham	10 0 0
Mill Creek Church	12 10 0
Edmonton "	12 10 0
St. Paul's, Kingston	12 10 0
Collingwood Church	12 10 0
Drummondville "	12 10 0
Shannonville "	12 10 0
Brampton "	12 10 0
Wellington "	12 10 0
Orangeville "	12 10 0
Lloydtown Parsonage	12 10 0
Hawkesbury Church	12 10 0
Stoney Creek Church	12 10 0
Osgoode Churches	25 0 0
Allansville Lot	12 10 0
Wisbeach Church	12 10 0
Frampton "	12 10 0
Total.....	£273 2 10

BOOKS GRANTED.

Service Books, two sets, Brock.....	£8 18 0
Books and Tracts, Brock	2 10 0
Rev. J. Hilton, for Sunday Schools.....	5 10 0
Rev. T. Hodge, for distribution.....	2 10 0
Sunday School Books, Strathroy.....	2 10 0
Mount Pleasant, service books, Rev. E. Stimson	4 18 0
Dorchester, &c., books and tracts, J. W. Kerr.....	2 10 0
Arthur, " Rev. J. Preston	2 10 0
Rev. S. B. Ardagh, "	2 10 0

Rev. J. Langtry, service books, Collingwood	4	18	0
Sunday School Library, Cookstown	2	10	0
Rev. S. B. Ardagh, service books,	4	18	0
" 8vo. Bibles and Prayer Books.....	2	8	4
Rev. A. Williams, Moore, books and tracts.....	2	10	0
Rev. T. Leech, Brampton, &c.	2	10	0
Penitentiary, books and tracts	2	10	0
Orphans' Home, "	2	10	0
Rev. A. Townley, "	2	10	0
Rev. J. L. Alexander, service books.....	4	18	0
" two 8vo. Bibles and Prayer Books.....	4	1	6
Perrytown and Elizabethville.....	9	6	0
St. Mary's, Blanchard.....	4	16	0
Vaughan, service books	4	18	0
Fitzroy Harbour, Rev. J. A. Morris.....	4	18	0
Rev. Dr. Beaven, for two stations, 8vo. Bible and Prayer Book,	8	15	6
Wilnot and Hayesville, service books	6	8	9
Rev. W. Rally, Prayer Books.....	1	0	0
Peel Township, Rev. W. Drinkwater.....	2	10	0
Georgetown Sunday School	2	10	0
Sunday School, North Gower.....	2	10	0
Rev. J. G. Geddes, for service books for churches and stations,	9	14	6
Brampton and Edmondton, two sets service books.....	9	6	0
Total.....	£180	0	9

STUDENTS' FUND.

The amount collected for this Fund amounted to £193 12s. 8d., from 121 stations. The sum of £200 was paid towards the sustentation of eight Divinity Scholarships, at Trinity College.

It has long been felt that serious objections existed to the admission of Students on Matriculation to Divinity Scholarships, and a modification of the rules respecting Scholarships has consequently been adopted, which it is hoped will be productive of great advantage. It has been the practice to offer for competition annually, to students entering the College, five Divinity Scholarships, one of £30 currency, two of £25, and two of £20, making a total of £120, and as the Scholarships are tenable for four years, the whole sum annually devoted to this purpose has been £480. Of this sum, £200 has been furnished by the Church Society, and £280 has been appropriated from the General Funds of the College. The £280 will, for the future, be appropriated by the College as a provision for four Scholarships, one of £30 currency, one of £25, and two of £20, tenable for three years and open to all candidates for matriculation, whether intending to study for Holy Orders or not.

The £200 received from the Church Society will be appropriated as a provision for four Divinity Scholarships, one of £30 currency, two of £25, and two of £20, tenable for the two years, which students for Holy Orders are required to pass in the Theological Department, and open to students of Trinity College, who are either graduated in Arts, or who, having spent one year at least in Arts course, have entered on their twenty-second year.

It is hoped that this rule will guard so far as possible, against any disappointment consequent on a change of purpose on the part of Divinity Students—the tenure of the Scholarship being limited to the two years, which are specially devoted to Theological studies, and admission to it being delayed to an age at which a young man may reasonably be expected to have arrived at some fixed and steady resolution respecting his future course.

Students holding these Scholarships will, for the future, be designated in the Calendar as “the Church Society’s Scholars.”

It is distinctly understood that any student who offers himself as a candidate for a Divinity Scholarship, does thereby declare that he believes himself to be entitled to receive such aid, in conformity with the terms employed in the preamble of Society’s Constitution, where its third object is stated to be this: “For granting assistance, when it may be necessary, to those who may be preparing for the Ministry of the Gospel in the said Church, within the said Diocese.” It is also understood that every student without exception, who has been, or shall hereafter be, admitted to a Divinity Scholarship, is under a moral obligation to refund any sums received in virtue of that Scholarship, in the event of his not receiving Holy Orders, or not serving within the Diocese.

In the case of young men who have avowed the intention of devoting themselves to the sacred ministry of the Church, this clear understanding of the terms on which they are admitted to Scholarships ought effectually to prevent any misappropriation of the funds. And if, unhappily, it should fail to do so in any instance, it is difficult to say what more stringent security might be adopted, which would not occasion unnecessary annoyance to the well principled, while it would be equally inefficient in respect of any who may fail to recognise the obligation under which they are placed at present.

COMMITTEES.

Your Committee have much pleasure in reporting, that the report from the Commutation Fund Committee, and also from the Western Episcopal Endowment Fund Committee, are most satisfactory, and too much praise cannot be awarded to the gentlemen who composed the committees, for the disinterested and indefatigable zeal with which they have managed the business.

LANDS.

DEEDS RECEIVED THIS YEAR.

James Hodges, to C. S. D. T., 3 roods 1 perch 57 yards, in Williamsburg, site for a church.

+ Charles E. Thomson, to C. S. D. T., Lots Nos. 29, 30, 31, in

the village of Nottawa, and part of Lot No. 30, concession 8, site of church and burial ground.

The Crown to C. S. D. T., 2 acres in town of Mount Forest, site of church.

David Bannister et uxor, to C. S. D. T., 2 roods 5 perches, in Tay, site of church and burial ground.

Rev. R. Blakey, to Lord Bishop, 1 acre in North Augusta, site of church and burial ground.

INCOME BY LEASE THIS YEAR FOR THE FOLLOWING TRUSTS:

G. P. F.	£35	5	0
W. & O. F.	25	0	0
Students' Fund	3	0	0
Cathedral Establishment	5	0	0
Endowment of See	15	0	0
" Townships	16	5	0
" Churches	18	0	0

Total amount of Income for year £117 10 0

Amount of Tax paid this year £128 12 10

Amount of Acres leased this year 284 acres.

EXTRACTS FROM DISTRICT AND PAROCHIAL REPORTS.

TORONTO.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY.

Several important works for the advancement of the Church in the parish have been undertaken, to which they would now direct your attention.

The first in importance is the Church Schools.

For it cannot be said that the Church is fully able to accomplish her sacred mission of training her children from their earliest years in the doctrines of the Gospel, unless she can have the young placed under the pastoral care of the Clergy, and daily instructed in the great truths of the Christian religion.

To be able to carry this into effect, the Committee have exerted themselves during the last three years, and are deeply thankful in being permitted to congratulate their fellow parishoners in having brought their labours to a successful issue.

In August last the contracts were given out for the erection of our handsome and commodious schools, and although, from the unusually early winter, they were not ready for occupation until February, the number of scholars is very encouraging; and the Committee feel confident that in the course of a few months they will have as many pupils as, with their present staff of teachers, can be efficiently instructed.

The rooms are calculated to accommodate two hundred children; although this number could not be received without the engagement of additional assistance.

The estimated cost was £1000, but, from the annexed accounts, it will appear that they have been completed and furnished with every requisite for the sum of £900.

Several handsome subscriptions have been received from friends who are not members of the congregation; but it will require a further sum of £400 to enable the Treasurer to liquidate all claims upon him; and the Committee confidently appeal to the liberality of the members of the congregation generally for that assistance which they feel they have a right to expect, and which has hitherto fallen upon a few of their number.

In undertaking the serious responsibility of establishing Church schools in the parish, in which the Church is entirely free, and endowed with an income of less than £200 a-year, and where,

consequently, much the larger portion of the expenses, including the assistant minister's stipend, have to be borne out of the weekly offertory; the Committee have been actuated by the strong conviction that the system of public instruction introduced by the Chief Superintendent of Schools, and sanctioned by the Legislature, is founded upon erroneous principles. * * * *

The Committee consider themselves fortunate in having been able to avail themselves of the services of Mr. Cameron to organise the schools, a gentleman every way qualified for the duty, having had nine years' experience in England.

The girls' school has been placed under the charge of Miss Leach, who, in addition to possessing testimonials of a very high order from the Normal School, has enjoyed the additional advantage of attendance for the past three years on our own clergyman's class for religious instruction.

The means and accommodation at the disposal of the Committee being very limited, they have felt it necessary to make the schools, as far as practicable, self supporting; a fee of 7½d. per week is therefore charged for each pupil, to assist in defraying the salaries of the master and mistress, and the other unavoidable expenses, but they now require additional assistance from the congregation to the extent of £150 per annum, in order to ensure efficient teachers.

The committee cannot conclude this part of their report without expressing their warmest acknowledgments to Mr. Hay, their architect, who, with his accustomed liberality where the Church is concerned, has prepared the plans and superintended the erection of the schools without any remuneration, thus presenting the congregation with the very handsome donation of £45 towards the building fund.

The contractors also merit their commendation for the superior manner in which the designs have been carried out.

The following brief sketch of the system of tuition adopted, will, the Committee believe, prove interesting to the parishioners.

Religious instruction principally by the Assistant Minister.

Monday,	Explanations of	Old Testament.
Tuesday,	"	" New Testament.
Wednesday,	"	" 39 Articles.
Thursday,	"	" Liturgy.
Friday,	"	" Church Catechism.

The younger children receive daily religious instruction from the Holy Scriptures, the Church Catechism, Pictures, Hymns, and Moral Tales.

The general instruction consists of reading, with English grammar, writing from copies or dictation, arithmetic, slate and mental, geography and history, and needle-work for the girls.

As it is intended that the memory of the children shall be duly exercised, home lessons are given to the more advanced pupils for this purpose.

Vocal music is also taught as in most of the public schools at home. It is impossible to value too highly the utility of music as an element of civilization, an innocent amusement, or as affording to the youngest among us the means of joining in the praises of God in His Sanctuary.

The number of Scholars at present are,

Boys.....	36
Girls.....	25
Total.....	61

Average attendance, 92 per cent.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Notwithstanding the numerous demands on this congregation during the past year, particularly for enlarging their Church to meet the wants of the neighbourhood and the liberal subscriptions entered into for the erection of a new Church, which is indispensably necessary, the Parochial Committee have the satisfaction to report, that the claims of the Society have been liberally responded to. The annual subscriptions and donations paid into the Committee amount to £40, the whole of which have been appropriated to objects of the Society without the limits of the parish; and if to this be added the quarterly collections and the subscriptions paid in direct to the Parent Society, the total amount contributed by the parish for the past year will be £103 3s. 10d.

HOME DISTRICT BRANCH.

The Managing Committee report that the resuscitation of this District Branch has been productive of very satisfactory results; such, indeed, as to warrant the hope that in the course of another year it will have gained the co-operation of all the Parochial Branches, and will have acquired the means of furthering to no small extent the several sacred objects of the Church Society.

The committee have been desirous of carrying out the rules relating to District Branches, laid down in the 18th article of the Constitution of the Society; being convinced, after many years' observation, that in no sections of the Diocese has the Church Society been more effective for good, than in those where the letter of its Constitution has been closely adhered to.

Reports have been transmitted to the Secretary of the District Branch from thirteen Parochial Branches, whose total collections amount to £264 0s. 3d., and show an increase in the aggregate of

£67 6s. 9d. above the returns of the preceding year. Of the above thirteen, two are new Parochial Branches.

The attention of the Committee has been anxiously directed to the establishing new missions within the District; but although, with the assistance of the Parent Society, they can assure a reasonable stipend to a travelling missionary, they regret that there appears more difficulty in procuring a clergyman than in obtaining the necessary funds for his support. So inadequate is the supply of labourers to the spiritual wants of the Diocese.

The following details of the Parochial Branches are submitted, premising, however, that the quarterly collections for special funds are not included, these being reported and remitted direct to the Secretary of the Parent Society. Neither are the sums raised for local purposes noticed, as those do not strictly come under the cognizance or management of the Church Society or its Branches. Your Committee, however, would suggest, that in all probability it would prove conducive to the interests of the Church, and would be satisfactory to its members at large, if some plan could be devised, either through the Church Society, or the Synod, for ascertaining and exhibiting annually the whole amount paid in all the parishes, severally and collectively, for *every* purpose, local or external. Some parishes do this in their Annual Church Society Report; others do not; the value of the returns consists in their being made by *all*.

SPRINGFIELD.

This Parochial Branch has collected £31 7s. 6., being £4 5s. 1d. more than in the preceding year. The following is an extract from its report: "The Committee have to regret that a necessity still exists for requiring three-fourths (exclusive of special donations to the Parent Society), to be returned by the District Committee for the use of the parish, to be expended on the liquidation of the portion of the debt of £99, still due for the repairs, &c., of St. Peter's Church. The Committee anxiously look forward to the period when this Parochial Association can feel at liberty to support the objects of the Parent Society with a more liberal hand. In the meantime it has great pleasure in announcing to the District Committee, that the Rev. Chairman was fully empowered to guarantee to the District Committee such annual sum towards the support of a Travelling Missionary or Missionaries in this District, as he, with exercise of his own discretion, might deem right and expedient."

COOKSVILLE AND SYDENHAM.

A distinct Branch has been organised here, and reports the sum of £17 2s. 7d.; about one-third of which has been returned for parochial purposes. The report of its Committee, after showing

that in addition to the above sum, about £120 had been raised within the past year for various local Church purposes, concludes thus:

"Looking on these points of Christian exertion, short as they must fall, in God's sight, of that which He requires from His people on His behalf, the Committee may congratulate their brethren on the amount of progress made within so short a period. They would also (as at the command of that Lord God Almighty to His servant of old), 'Tell the people that they go forward.' They would remind them that '*progress*' must not be the monopolised watchword of a busy world around them, but must be claimed by the 'fervent in spirit' among the faithful, as being equally, yea, more justly their own; theirs must be that progress which is most blessed and sanctioned by the Lord of heaven and earth—a holy progress—a growth in grace—a reaching forward to all that is really good and great—a progress not only onward but upward. In a word, they would counsel them, with affectionate earnestness, so to 'stir up the gift that is in them,' and so to employ the talents entrusted to them, that some may say of them hereafter, 'Ye did run well; who hath hindered you?'"

BRAMPTON.

The erection of two good brick Churches in this mission during the last year, has almost necessarily diminished the Church Society collections for the same period. The amount reported is £14 0s. 7d., three-fourths returned. The amount of the previous year was £24 10s. 7d.

ETOBICOKE.

The collections from the St. George's Church Branch are £24 16s. 8d.; from Christ's Church, Mimico, £5 14s. 0d. Total, £30 10s. 3d., being an increase of £4 10s. 10d., as compared with the previous year. The whole remitted to the District Branch.

BOLTON VILLAGE.

This branch reports the sum of £25 1s. 5d.; nearly £12 more than the collections of the preceding year. The whole remitted to the District Branch.

LOYDTOWN.

Reports the sum of £28 9s. 8d., an increase of £1 8s. 4d.; retaining £18 9s. 8d. towards the completion of the very good and substantial brick parsonage house lately erected there.

NEWMARKET AND HOLLAND LANDING.

From the Parochial Branches of these two places the sum of £7 14s. 4d. is reported. Last year Newmarket and St. Albans together returned £19 5s. 0d. As regards the annual subscriptions

to the Associations, it must be observed that while the contributions seem to be much less, they are considerably more than usual; for it would appear by comparing the sum remitted last year, that the amount now forwarded exceeds the former by nearly one-third. The subscriptions now sent are *without any deduction*; and the sum total would have been much larger had there not been heavy parochial calls; above one hundred pounds having been raised within the mission for different Church purposes.

YORKVILLE.

Last year, owing to peculiar circumstances, no Church Society collections were made. In gratifying contrast this year the sum of £40 has been collected and remitted intact.

VAUGHAN.

In this Parochial Branch £9 18s. 6d. has been collected, and remitted to the district. This is a small increase over the former year's amount.

THORNHILL.

This Branch also exhibits an improvement in its collections, which amount to £37 3s. 2d., of which, however, £17 5s. 2d. was returned for the Parsonage fund.

MARKHAM.

The return from this Parish amounts to £13 1s., being £5 10s. 2d. less than the amount of the preceding year; £3 10s. 9d. being especially contributed for the Home District Missionary Fund, and £5 returned for parochial use. The whole would have been devoted to the Missionary Fund, had there been a prospect of the immediate appointment of a Travelling Missionary.

OAK RIDGES.

This is a new Parochial Association, and makes an encouraging commencement by remitting the sum of £9 11s. 3d.

H. C. COOPER,
Secretary, H. D. B.

SIMCOE DISTRICT.

MONO, PAROCHIAL BRANCH.

The Churchmen of this mission are engaged in obtaining subscriptions for the erection of two new Churches and a Parsonage house. The pressure of local wants has not been suffered, however, to interfere with the contributions to the funds of the Society. The Committee are pleased to state that the annual contributions to the general purposes of the Society in this mission exceed.

those of any preceding year; the amount subscribed this year is £20 5s. 8d. Through this remittance to the Society the debt on the glebe will be nearly liquidated.

WEST GWILLIMBURY.

Of the amount contributed to the Parent Society, the proceeds of the annual sermons £4, your late Incumbent's subscriptions £1 5s., special contributions to Indian Missions £3, and one-fourth of the subscriptions received in the parish £7 2s. ½d., were remitted to the Treasurers in Toronto; £15 6s. 2½d. were paid in aid of the Nottawasaga Mission, and £2 11s for books for distribution, leaving a balance of 8s. not accounted for; out of the offertory collections surplices were provided for Trinity Church and St. Paul's, and a Communion service and font for the due celebration of both sacraments were purchased by the churchwardens of Trinity Church.

In addition to these collections and subscriptions a special collection was made during the year for the purpose of presenting to the Reverend Arthur Hill, on his resigning the charge of this parish, a permanent evidence of the strong feeling of respect and esteem that was entertained towards him by the members of the Church in this parish. The Committee have pleasure in acknowledging that this feeling was participated in by persons not members of the Church, and that thus through the united contributions the sum of forty-eight pounds was obtained and applied in purchasing a service of plate, which was then presented to him in behalf of the donors.

During the year the new Church of Christ's Church was completed. It is a comfortable, substantial, and church-like edifice, capable of accommodating a congregation of two hundred persons. It was opened for divine service on December 21st, and sermons preached in aid of the fund for liquidating the debt still due on the building. In the morning the Rev. W. A. Adamson, D.C.L., Chaplain to the honourable the Legislative Council, preached; and in the afternoon the first minister of the parish, the Rev. F. L. Osler, A.M., Rural Dean of the district of Simcoe. The debt still due on this Church as far as can be ascertained is above £200. The Committee trust that steps will be taken to reduce this amount, as not only are church debts a very great impediment to the growth and prosperity of the Church, but also as the congregation of Trinity Church, in the village of Bradford, has so much increased during the past year, and from the rapid growth of the village a still greater increase must naturally be expected, it is reasonable to suppose that within a short time that Church would require enlargement. It would therefore be advisable that strenuous efforts should be made to wipe off the debts on the various Churches of the parish (which on Trinity and St. Paul's Churches are

comparatively trifling), so that future operations may be altogether unencumbered.

From a consideration of the great advantages derived from the employment of Scripture readers (as construed expressly in Ireland), the Committee recommend, as the Missionary in Nottawasaga will not in future receive any portion of his income from the funds of this association, that a district branch be formed, consisting of the townships of West Gwillimbury and Tecumseth, with the concurrence of the association of the latter parish, and that from the united funds of the two associations, with such other pecuniary assistance as may be obtained from other sources, and as more Scripture readers or catechists shall be employed to visit through the townships, under the supervision of the clergymen residing therein, and that as the Parent Society has made arrangements for procuring the publications of the Christian Knowledge Society at reduced rates (if the funds will permit), a small supply of books may be procured so as to combine the advantage of colportage with that of lay-visiting.

ORILLIA BRANCH.

The erection of St. James's Church in this village, though a work of too great magnitude to be hastily completed, has made great progress during the past year. The exterior is finished, and it need only be seated for the performance of divine service. Its solid and ecclesiastical structure will form a beautiful and substantial memorial to many generations that the pure and spiritual worship of our church was valued and maintained by christians of the present day. Within the same period a small church has been commenced and nearly finished in the township of Mara; and the congregations of the new churches of St. Lukes, C. W. R., and St. Marks, Oro, have been engaged in removing debts and adding to the comfort of the buildings.

The Committee have the greatest satisfaction in again noticing the diligent and successful exertions of the Ladies' Industrial Society. More than £30 has been received from sales during the past year, clear of all expenses, and by this means the whole remaining debt upon the parsonage has been removed at a much earlier period than the most sanguine had anticipated; and the society is now going on in good earnest to assist in the expense of the new church.

Engaged in so many local objects, requiring all the energy that can be enlisted to accomplish them. The Committee rejoice in the existence of a branch of this society in the parish, as tending to keep alive the proper unity of the Church in action as well as spirit. While the members of this congregation owe their best thanks to christian friends at a distance for liberal assistance to St. James's Church, it should be to them a cause of pious joy,

that by the contribution of their mite to the common funds of the Church Society, they are permitted to shew their interest in the Church's onward progress throughout the land. Under the circumstances already mentioned, it would have been difficult to increase the sum remitted to Toronto, the Committee have therefore been content to send the same amount, £6 10s., as on the two previous years, together with the four quarterly collections, amounting to £9 1s., making in all £15 1s. £30 has been taken up at the offertory, £6 of which has been applied to the Sunday School and charities, and the remainder to expenses of the Church.

COLLINGWOOD.

In presenting their first Report, your Committee are gratified in being able to announce a slight increase of £1 12s. 11½d. over the amount contributed last year. When they consider the hardness of the times, and the local difficulties with which we have to contend, in consequence of the debt upon the Church, and in order to make up the sum of £150 guaranteed towards their clergyman's salary, they trust they have sufficient evidence of the interest felt in the Church's work of extension. The sum of £12 4s. 8½d. has been collected up to this date. The Committee are unwilling to give up the principle adopted last year, of sending the whole amount to the Parent Society; yet from their really pressing wants, they are compelled to retain five pounds to purchase catechetical and other books for the Sunday School.

CREEMORE.

It was impossible to hold a meeting here in consequence of the impassable state of the roads at the time appointed. The sum collected is in consequence much less than that of last year. Only £3 3s. 6½d. has yet been received. Many of those, however, who gave last year have not yet been asked; and as the collectors have promised to renew their efforts so soon as the state of the roads will permit, it is hoped there will be as much at least obtained in the whole township as was sent in last year.

There are seven other stations at an average distance of twenty miles from Collingwood, which have been supplied with monthly services on a week day by the Missionary of this township. In each of these a large congregation would assemble, could service by any means be held on Sunday. As it is, after the third or fourth time, the attendance is for the most part very small.

GORE AND WELLINGTON DISTRICTS.

The Gore and Wellington Branch, which has ever received honourable mention in the reports of the Parent Society, has not

relaxed in its efforts during the past year, although, from peculiar circumstances in some of the parishes, a falling off may possibly appear. It numbers about twenty Parochial Associations, and its annual revenue has been steadily increasing from £199 in the first year of its existence, by various stages, till it has reached the respectable sum of £669 0s. 8½d., being a small increase over the last years', £619.

It employs three travelling Missionaries, and provides wholly for their incomes, besides contributing partially to the salaries of two more—having incurred in all an annual liability for Missionary purposes alone of upwards of £500. The appropriation of so large a sum to the destitute portions of their own Districts, after transmitting one-fourth to the Parent Society—leaving but little for local expenditure—so that the members of this Association have the satisfaction of knowing that they spend but little of the funds upon Parochial objects, although many such objects are recognised by the constitution of the Parent Society; the chief portion of their subscriptions being devoted to the spread of the Gospel in the backwoods, by means of travelling Missionaries. The reports received from these gentlemen communicate much interesting information—a brief summary of which must suffice for the present occasion.

ARTHUR.

The Rev. Mr. Preston occupies the Mission of Arthur, at which village he has his head-quarters; the extent of his labours may be gathered from the following extract from one of his reports:—

"I have under my charge eleven townships, some in the County of Grey, some in the County of Wellington. They are as follows: Glenelg, Bentick, Egremont, Normandy, Arthur, Minto, Luther, parts of Peel, Maryborough, Garafraxa and Erin." In his last report, the Missionary says: "I have to report, with much pleasure, an increase in every one of the congregations under my care, a growing feeling of reverence for the doctrines and ministry of the Church, and a desire to extend her ministrations appears to be pervading the people; and the fact, slowly breaking upon them, that all state-support has been withdrawn, appears to influence them to desire to give of what God has given them, to the service of His Sanctuary. The number of baptisms, marriages and burials for the past year have been respectively: baptisms, 98; marriages, 6; burials, 9; and miles travelled during the year, 3,532."

The Missionary concludes with an earnest prayer that God may bless the efforts of those who are endeavouring to extend to destitute Districts the blessings of the Gospel, and that He may "send forth more labourers into His harvest."

"A very gratifying fact connected with my labours is the

anxiety of parents to have their children baptised. Scarcely a service passes without baptisms—and in several instances I have baptised whole families. Where opportunity offers, I catechise the children, and have distributed about 100 copies of the Church Catechism with explanation and questions; as also fifty copies of the Book of Common Prayer, and if I had more I could dispose of them, as the people are constantly asking for them. [The settlers are generally found to possess already the Holy Scriptures, having brought their Bibles with them from the old country, or being supplied through other sources here.”]

OWEN'S SOUND.

For several years the Rev. Mr. Mulholland, in addition to his stated ministrations at Owen's Sound, has given a considerable portion of his time to the zealous discharge of travelling Missionary duties. In consideration of his services in this latter field of labour, your Committee have contributed towards his stipend a sum of £60 per annum, and they have reason to believe that the best results have attended Mr. Mulholland's exertions to supply the destitute members of the Church in that part of the United Districts, with her ministrations.

SAUGEEN.

The Rev. Mr. Hodge, one of the travelling Missionaries paid wholly by this Association, has for his field of labour the whole of the county of Bruce, containing eleven townships, exclusive of those recently formed, in which he has been engaged in Missionary duties for nearly two years. His principal stations are Southampton, Paisley, Kincardine, Mud River, and Walkerton, besides which he extends his ministrations to Durham, in the County of Grey. In his rides to and from these stations, he has held Divine service at a number of places on the road. In the last report received from Mr. Hodge, he says: “I am persuaded that my labours are not in vain, not by any means, thanks be to God, and this reflection is sufficient to sustain me amid the hardships and privations I undergo. It is my unceasing prayer to Him whom I serve, that it may be his will to make me the humble instrument of turning many to righteousness, and of ministering to the edification of his Church.”

The Rev. Mr. Drinkwater, whose Mission comprises the townships of Peel, Wellesley, Mornington, Maryborough, Wallace and Elma, writes as follows:—

“Mission House, Allansville, Jan. 30, 1857.

“I would willingly defer sending you a report of what I am doing until spring, were I not aware how anxious the members of the Gore and Wellington Branch of the Church Society are to

know what has been done during the past three or four months, by their unworthy and inexperienced Missionary. I can, however, briefly place before you the locality and number of stations I occupy. My regular monthly Sunday Services are held in the township of Peel, at Allansville, Cross' School House and Hugh McGonnell's; in Maryborough, at Hollin School House and Hustonville; in Wellesley, at Irwin's School House and Cross Hill Town Hall; and in Wallace, at Cowansville.

"In addition to these, I hold occasional Sunday Services, in the afternoon, at places within six miles of Allansville, viz., in Wellesley and Peel, at Samuel Holt's, William Belt's, and Mr. Atkinson's; in Mornington and Maryborough, at Mr. Watson's and Mr. Grey's. I have also commenced to appoint week-day services in the less populous and newly-settled townships, that is to say, in Wallace, Elma, and Mornington.

"I have baptised twenty-one children since the 19th of October, solemnised one marriage, and read the burial service once.

"Hoping that God, whose we are and whom we serve, will deign to bless the efforts of the Society—to advance the kingdom of Christ through the length and breadth of the land."

WILMOT.

The Rev. Mr. Rally, a German clergyman, recently employed as city Missionary in Cincinnati, came to this Diocese in the course of last summer, highly commended to the Bishop by Bishop MacIlvaine, of the Diocese of Ohio; and having been appointed to minister to the Germans in the township of Wilmot and Waterloo, he entered upon his duties in the month of October last. The Bishop having no longer any funds at his command from which he could assign stipends to additional clergymen, was obliged to inform Mr. Rally that he must depend entirely upon the voluntary contributions of the people in his Mission. At a meeting, at which the Rural Dean attended, the people responded to the appeal made to them by guaranteeing to Mr. Rally about £70 per annum and a house; and the case being an urgent one, the Rural Dean took upon himself to guarantee £25 additional, a charge which your Committee have since assumed. Your Committee have only to add that Mr. Rally has been engaged in Missionary duties since October, and that some fruit of his labours has already manifested itself in a large attendance on Sunday School instruction, and in a contribution of £5 5s. to the funds of this Association. Mr. Rally reports that the Parish of Wilmot will become ere long a self-supporting Parish, so as to require no longer the fostering care of your excellent Society—whose valuable assistance is thankfully acknowledged.

REPORT.

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The Gore and Wellington District Branch of the Church Society, in account with the Treasurer, for the year ending 31st December, 1856.

RECEIPTS.

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March 13, 1856.

By balance per statement rendered ..	£467	16	4
Add, error in the one-fourth charged for Parent Society.	0	5	0
			<u>468 1 4</u>

By collections on account of 1855, received subsequent to the meeting, viz.:

Paris, additional	0	5	0
Galt, do.	1	8	2
Hornby do.	0	15	0
Oakville and Palermo, additional	8	13	1½
			<u>6 1 8½</u>

December 31.

By Building Society shares realized	18	12	9
Interest and Profit on Building Society Investment.....	82	5	4

Collections of 1856 from Associations, viz:

Hamilton, Christ's Church	128	0	0
Do. Church of Ascension	56	10	0
Guelph	85	1	10
Dundas	30	0	0
Galt.....	60	0	0
Brantford	50	0	0
Mohawk and Tuscarora.....	38	14	6
Ancaster.....	20	0	0
Oakville	36	7	0
Palermo	12	8	0
Norval.....	5	18	9
Georgetown	12	16	3
Milton.....	21	11	1½
Hornby	17	1	3
Mount Pleasant	13	0	0
Binbrook.....	12	10	0
Barton and Glanford.....	16	17	6
York and Caledonia	12	13	9
Paris	26	8	9
Willmot	5	5	0
Lowville	3	2	0
Beverly	10	0	0
			<u>669 0 8½</u>
			<u>£1289 1 5</u>

Dr.

PAYMENTS.

March 13, 1856.

To remitted Treasurer of Parent Society.			
One-half of Paris collections of 1855	£12	4	6
One-fourth of balance of 1855, collected £5 16s. 3½d...	1	9	1
Balance due Milton and Lowville Par. Association.....	5	7	8
Do Norval Par. Association.....	3	19	2½
			<u>28 0 0</u>

To paid account Mission Fund.

Grant to Rev. Mr. Butler, for duty.....	8	6	8
Printing accounts, several years.....	6	12	2
Gas at Hall, General Meeting	2	10	0

The stipend, Rev. Mr. Hodge, the year.....	150	0	0
Do. do. Mr. Preston, do.	150	0	0
Do. do. Mr. Drinkwater, three months.....	30	0	0
The half stipend, Mr. Mulholland, the year.....	60	0	0
	407	8	10

To repaid Parochial Associations, on account of Income of 1855, for local purposes, viz :

Hamilton, Christ's Church	54	8	1½
Do. Church of Ascension	8	9	4½
Guelph	14	1	8
Dundas	9	16	8
Galt... ..	12	4	6½
Nelson.....	7	10	0
Brantford	8	10	0
Mohawk and Tuscarora.....	7	4	0½
Ancaster.....	5	7	6
Oakville	6	1	1
Palermo	2	19	11½
Georgetown	3	17	9½
Upper Cayuga	1	15	9½
Mount Pleasant.....	2	1	8
Binbrook.....	3	8	9
Barton and Glanford.....	2	12	0½
Hornby	4	1	8½
	184	9	5½

December 31.

To remitted Treasurer of Parent Society.			
25s. for each of eighteen Clergymen.....	22	10	0
25s. for each of eighteen Lay Incorporated Members...	22	10	0
The one-fourth of £623 0s. 8½d., the balance of year's collections	155	15	2
Special donation Widows and Orphans' Fund.....	1	0	0
	201	15	2
To balance in hand.....	472	7	11
	£1289	1	5

MEM.—The above balance, together with the sum of £378 0s. 8d. invested in Building Society Stock, is held entirely for the District Mission Fund.

HUGH BAKER, *Treasurer.*

Hamilton, 16th March, 1857.

Your Committee, in accordance with the expressed wishes of the various Parochial Associations, submit brief extracts of their Reports.

GUELPH.

Your Committee have great satisfaction in reporting that the subscriptions of the members of this Association, for the past year, have amounted to the sum of £87 16s., of which £77 9s. 4d. has been paid in, as no doubt the balance will be in also in a day or two. The amount now reported exceeds the receipts of the last year by the sum of £27 16s. 10d., which cannot but be regarded as a most satisfactory and cheering increase.

Since the receipt of the foregoing report, the amount of £84 1s. 10d. has been paid to the treasurer.

ELORA.

The Rev. Mr. Smithurst writes, that special circumstances have prevented the collection of the annual subscriptions of the members of the Elora Association, in time for transmission to your treasurer previous to this meeting; but that he has every reason to believe that the amount will be the same as that reported last year, and will be very shortly transmitted.

The following report was sent subsequently to the Secretary of the Parent Society.

The Committee in presenting their annual report, are sorry to say that the subscriptions are considerably below those of last year. This falling off is more to be regretted, inasmuch as the District Association has much increased its liabilities by the appointment of an additional travelling Missionary, whose ministries were much needed in the new townships west of this place. It is to be hoped that during the coming year every effort will be employed to make up for the deficiency. The Committee are aware that for some months past there has been a great scarcity of money in this neighbourhood, which has doubtless to some extent operated unfavourably upon the collections. From one of the five districts into which our parochial limits have been divided there has been no return. The Committee, however, trust that in North Pilkington and Nichol, the collection will not be neglected, and as it has not been made in time to be included in this year's account, it will be made as speedily as possible, and carried to the account of next year.

Claims of a pressing nature have compelled the Committee to avail themselves of that rule of the Parent Society, which allows a moiety to be retained for local objects.

CASH ACCOUNT.

Receipts.

Total amount of Subscriptions.....	£21 16 10½
Deduct incidental expenses.....	0 4 4½
Nett amount.....	£21 12 6

Payments.

Parent Society (for two Incorporated Members).....	£2 10 0
Do.	4 12 6
Gore and Wellington Mission Fund	5 0 0
For our own local objects.....	9 10 0
	£21 12 6

YORK AND CALEDONIA.

The Rev. Mr. Hill writes:—"Our collectors this year for Church matters kept two separate lists, the one for contributions for Parochial purposes, the other for the funds of the Church

Society. Thus each contributor was invited to state what he wished to assign to each cause respectively. He was informed at the same time that all that would be set down in the list for the Church Society, would be assigned to that cause without any deduction. Your District Treasurer, therefore, will merely remit the fourth part, according to the general rules of the Parent Society, and the Committee of the United Districts of Gore and Wellington will retain the remainder for the causes of their Missions.

"I sincerely regret that the people do not take a livelier interest than the small amount intimates, in the cause of your Missions; but they seem to act rather on the principle that 'Charity begins at home.' I spoke earnestly on the subject at several local meetings, but they seem to think that their Pastor's income and the paying off the debt on their church, should be their chief concern. I may add that the whole amount collected in the Mission has rather exceeded that of last year, (as far as returns testify, for they have not all been got in.) As I have received liberally from the people, I have doubled my own subscription to the Church Society for this year."

PARIS.

Your Committee are happy in being able to report that the contributions this year, amounting to £26 8s. 9d., exceed the amount transmitted last year; this amount would doubtless have been considerably increased were it not for the fact that several of the contributors of 1856 have left the parish: besides, which, it may be right to state that the majority of those whose names appear on the list this year, have contributed to present a horse to their Pastor, the Rev. A. Townley, as a Christmas and New Year's gift. The collectors, too, have found that several having contributed somewhat largely to the fund for the division of the Diocese, are this year unable to come forward as liberally as they might otherwise have done. It may not be out of place further to mention here, as connected with Church matters in this place, that since our last report, (which by the way was sent last year in due time, but is in the General Report omitted,) a member of the congregation has liberally presented to the church a handsome chandelier and set of lamps, while another member has kindly made a present of a cow to the Rev. A. Townley. These facts are alluded to here in the hope that other congregations may be disposed to emulate that of St. James, Paris, and that Churchmen every where may feel it to be a privilege to aid in beautifying the temple of God, and in cheering and supporting His ambassadors in their work of labour and love.

Your Committee believe it is the general wish of the subscribers to the sum now remitted, that no portion of it should be returned for Parochial purposes; the surplus, after deducting the amount

due to the District, being forwarded along with the clergyman's subscription, to the Parent Society.

DUNDAS AND ANCASTER.

It is feared that the subscriptions from these parishes will not equal those of last year, which may be accounted for from the removal of Rev. Dr. McMurray to Niagara, and the inability of the Rev. F. L. Osler to take up his residence in Dundas until within the last few days. As the subscriptions have not as yet been all received, a complete report from these parishes has not yet been forwarded to the secretary.

Ancaster subsequently reported to the Parent Society £20 11s. 3d. collected, and remitted £6 1s. 7d. Dundas reported £30 collected, and remitted £7 3s. 9d.

MILTON.

The Committee report as follows:—"We have always been enabled to make a favourable report from this Branch, nor is this an exception.

"The annual collections amount this year to £21 11s. 1½d., being an increase of 9s. 4½d. over that of last year. Besides, which, we have been at much local expense, having painted the outside of the church, which cost £25, and laid out £33 in fencing the grounds. The congregation have also purchased a melodeon, and, besides, somewhat increasing their minister's stipend, have made him a donation of upwards of £40. All this shows that the Milton people do not sleep where the interests of their Church are concerned."

HORNBY.

There is much cause for encouragement in regard to this Branch—which has continued to increase its collections since its first establishment.

This year we had a much larger meeting than usual, and the funds have been somewhat increased—although the congregation have been at much more local expense than usual, having built a shed 120×24 feet, at a cost of over £65. The collections this year amount to £17 1s. 3d.

LOWVILLE.

Here we have to report a slight decrease, but this is owing to the fact, that the people are engaged in church building. Another year, we hope to report a large increase. Their collections this year amount to £3 2s.

The collections from these three Branches are as follows:—

Milton	£21 11 1½
Hornby	17 1 3
Lowville.....	3 2 0
	£41 14 4½

BRANTFORD.

The report from this Parochial Association is highly satisfactory, the sum of £50 having been remitted to the treasurer, exceeding, by £20 the subscriptions of former years. This increase, too, has taken place at a time when the Churchmen in Brantford are engaged in erecting a handsome and costly church edifice. They have likewise contributed handsomely to the Endowment Fund for the new Western Diocese. And the Incumbent very justly remarks: "Our local liabilities are exceedingly heavy, but they are self-imposed, and there is a fine spirit of unanimity and religious zeal and solicitude which gives hope that the claims of the Church Society will be liberally and conscientiously sustained, when we are in this parish relieved of part of the pecuniary burdens which absorb the sympathies of our people perhaps too exclusively."

BARTON AND GLANFORD.

The Church seems favourably progressing in this Mission, and we pray that the Lord may continue to bless and prosper it.

The chief expenses peculiar to a new Mission have been most happily met, but one only remains, viz., the erection of a Parsonage house, which, however, we trust, will soon be commenced.

The congregation of St. Peter's have lately placed a well designed marble font in their neat little church, and to St. Paul's, Glanford, a similar font; and a Communion Table has been presented by two worthy Church members.

St. Paul's Church, Glanford, will (D. V.,) be consecrated at the next visit of his Lordship, the Bishop of Toronto, in the ensuing summer.

The amount of annual subscriptions to the Church Society for this year is £16 17s. 6d., but it is confidently expected that the amount will yearly increase.

GALT.

The Committee of this Association beg leave to state that, although the past year is unparalleled in the history of this parish, for the heavy demands that have been made upon the members of our communion, for both Diocesan and local purposes, many having contributed largely to the Diocesan Endowment Fund, whilst all have been called upon to assist in defraying the expense incurred by the enlargement of the church, which has amounted to upwards of £1000. Still, it is with much thankfulness to God, that they can testify to the increased interest that has been generally manifested in behalf of the important objects which this Society is, by God's blessing, so successfully promoting. It affords them much pleasure to be able to announce, that the contributions in this immediate part of the Mission amount to the respectable

sum of £60, making an increase of upwards of £20 over that of last year from the parish of Galt.

The Committee cannot here omit to state that much of this increase is to be attributed to the judicious and indefatigable exertions of the two ladies who kindly undertook the task of collecting.

The report from the congregation that assemble in the Church at Beverly has not yet been received, but it is confidently hoped that the subscriptions there will equal the sum sent forward last year.

MOHAWK AND TUSCARORA.

This interesting Association among the Six Nation Indians, on the Grand River, under the zealous exertions of the Missionaries in charge, the Rev. Messrs. Nelles and Elliott, continues to grow and prosper—the collection of the present year, notwithstanding many drawbacks, exceeds that of the former by £7 10s. 3d., which has been transmitted to the treasurer with the single remark—that it is gratifying to the subscribers that their contributions are on the increase.

WILMOT.

The parish having been engaged last year in the erection of a brick church, at an expenditure of £250, no effort was made towards the collection of funds for the Church Society, except at the Quarterly Sermons. The Rev. W. B. Rally having been recently appointed to the charge of the parish, the Parochial Association has been revived under promising auspices, and the sum of £6 10s. has been collected and remitted to the treasurer.

MOUNT PLEASANT.

The Mount Pleasant Parochial Association of the Church Society has remitted to the District Branch, as the amount of its collections for this year, the sum of £13, showing an increase of £3 10s. over that subscribed last year.

SALTFLEET AND BINBROOK.

Owing to the removal of liberal and influential families, the mission has suffered serious diminution both in wealth and the number of its members; and it may be said to be in a state of transition, as these have lately been called upon, for the first time, to make a general and united effort to provide a maintenance for their Missionary. It is yet uncertain whether a sufficient amount can be raised in the two townships to retain his services, much less to support an additional clergyman by dividing the Mission, as the present Incumbent proposes. With all the assistance he has yet received, he assures us that his income does not cover his expenses; and that he remains in the Mission only for a short time, in accordance with a proposal to that effect made some time ago to the Lord

Bishop, until he has ascertained by personal appeals to the Church members, what permanent provision can be secured for one clergyman, if not for two.

There is also a call for aid upon the members of this Association, in behalf of an unfinished church in Saltfleet, for the completion of which the Building Committee are in want of funds.

These local wants and efforts are mentioned to explain why their collection this year is likely to be less than that of last year. They do not expect it will exceed \$40, or at most \$50, instead of \$60 their last year's collection.

At the same time they do not consider that this falling off in this Branch, for the current year, ought to be viewed as discouraging by the other members of the District or Parent Societies. The cause of the Society has not become less popular; and by a more perfect organization, and thorough canvas, which has been resolved upon by four distinct committees, one at each of the four stations which will soon be opened in the Mission, instead of by one General Committee, as heretofore, the amount collected, it is confidently believed, will be much increased. The burden of collecting has hitherto depended upon the Missionary, aided by only one or two lay members, and he being over-tasked with other duties, has never been able to carry out the business of collecting so far as it might have been carried.

In conclusion, the Committee beg to observe that their omitting to send a report to the District Secretary, for the last two or three years, was not from disregard to the rules of the District Branch with which they are connected, but owing to a cause already mentioned, namely, want of perfect organization, partly, also to their want of practice and skill in drawing up formal reports, as well as their absence of ambition to exhibit publicly any detailed statement of their proceedings. Indeed they consider their operations, so far, too unimportant to merit particular attention at a public meeting, or to be mixed among the reports of the larger parishes. And, therefore, they were content, on some occasions, when their collections were small, to confine themselves to what they conceived the most essential part of their duty, namely, forwarding the cash to the District Treasurer; in which (although they confess the amount was much less than it ought to have been,) they trust they have not been less forward, or less liberal, according to their means and numbers, than other Committees.

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION, HAMILTON.

The Parochial Committee of this Association rejoices that, in submitting to their friends their Sixth Annual Report, they have not to notice a falling off in their subscription lists, and which they had feared, in consequence of the large amount raised by

their congregation last autumn, to cover the expense of a boundary wall and iron fence, with which their church and its grounds have lately been inclosed. This heavy outlay, exceeding the sum of £500, has not served to lessen the interest of their Association in the District Branch of the Church Society. On the contrary, the Committee have to acknowledge the greatly augmented readiness to give which their collectors observed in their canvass. The Committee believe that this circumstance is altogether owing to the fact, that a large proportion of the funds to be raised by the Parochial Associations were required for the maintenance of Missionaries in destitute sections of the Diocese.

The Committee have to report as subscribed by their Association to the General funds of the Society, the sum of £56 10s., against £42 12s. 6d. last year. This increase is, no doubt, attributable to the cause above assigned, from the further circumstance, that a proportionate diminution has taken place in the amount received by the collectors for Special purposes; this being for the present year £71 13s. 9d., against £83 3s. 9d. for the past. They would express a hope that they may regard the result of the year as an indication that the congregation they represent do not forget, in the midst of their own pressing wants, the urgent need of their brethren in the common faith.

CHRIST CHURCH.

The Parochial Committee report, as the result of their exertions, the sum of £123, and remark that the deficiency as compared with the receipts of last year, has arisen from the fact that the collectors deferred their visits to the subscribers as usual, to within a few weeks of the time for sending in their returns; and then the occurrence of that fearful disaster which carried death into so many families in this community, and engrossed the thoughts and time of their fellow-citizens, rendered it impossible to complete their work, so that many of the subscribers have not been called upon, and one or two of the collectors have made no report.

The amount returned for local expenditure was appropriated under the sanction of the Parochial Committee, as follows:—

Repairs to St. Matthew's Chapel.....	£ 1 15 0
On account of Seats for do.	0 10 7½
Rev. Mr. Butler, for services.....	25 0 0
Freight of Reports.....	0 6 0
	£27 10 7½

Efforts are likewise now making to finish the Parish Church; a work of some magnitude, requiring an outlay of not less than £10,000. A beginning has been already made by two munificent subscriptions, each of £500, besides a number of £100 each. If this work is carried out with the energy and liberality which

is anticipated, the amount of our annual collections for the Church Society may not, perhaps, exhibit any very large *increase*, but the congregation will never be backward in contributing a fair proportion of the means required to prosecute the Missionary undertakings of this Association with vigour and success.

A new place of worship, in connection with Christ's Church (St. Thomas' Chapel,) is just being completed in the eastern limits of the parish, and will probably be opened for Divine Service by Easter Sunday. This building has been erected at an expense of about £600, and a considerable portion of this amount remains to be collected.

It is also in contemplation to erect another chapel at the west end, where Sunday Services are at present performed by the Rev. Mr. Butler. A site has been given for the building, and several subscriptions already promised.

The Committee, in conclusion, may be allowed to incorporate with their report the following resolution, which was adopted this day, convinced as they are that it will find a deep response in the heart of every individual present, and of all to whom it may be communicated :

"That the Church Society of the Gore and Wellington Districts desires to bow with deep submission to that awful chastisement, which Almighty God permitted to befall this neighbourhood, in the late lamentable railway accident; and at the same time would express their deep sorrow at the sudden death thereby occasioned, of their beloved and respected brother, the Rev. Dr. Heise, whose earnest labours for the spiritual welfare of his German countrymen, are hereby sincerely acknowledged."

They may likewise here refer to a resolution of a similar nature, adopted in October last, and which they desire to appear in their Annual Report :

"That this Committee desire to avail themselves of this their first opportunity, of expressing the deep regret they feel at the distressing calamity, which has recently deprived the Church in this district of one of her most zealous and devoted Missionaries—the Church Society of a warm supporter—and the members of this Committee individually of an amiable and highly valued friend. They allude to the melancholy death of the Rev. Thomas W. March, who, in the mysterious Providence of God, was suddenly removed, when on the eve of landing on the shores of his native country, by a draught of poison inadvertently administered. They desire to tender their deepest sympathy to the bereaved widow and her family under this most trying dispensation."

Your Committee are thus reminded that the days of their own stewardship may be few, and that what remains to be done must be done with all their might, for there is neither wisdom, nor knowledge, nor device in the grave whither we are going.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

Your Committee have to reiterate their deep regret expressed in their two last Annual Reports, that our Travelling Mission is still vacant; they looked forward with anxious hope that this sad want would long ere this have been supplied, but from the circumstances over which your Committee have no control, the mission is still vacant. And they fear, that on account of the delay in the appointment of a missionary to the spiritually destitute portions of this Deanery, the Church is suffering, and must suffer a diminution in its members, inasmuch as there being no shepherd, the wolf creeps in and scatters the sheep. Through the kind exertions of your late indefatigable Secretary, one portion, viz., Marshville and Merrittsville has been as regularly supplied and services held once a month, as the roads and weather would permit. At Merrittsville he meets with much encouragement, the services are well attended, and a subscription is opened for the building of a church on a site already given, and ready to be deeded, if only the necessary exertions were now being made by the Church to supply the required services of the Missionary. Your Committee would notice that this want is being seriously felt in this place, where there is even now a provision, though small, for a clergyman, and where the people are ready to come forward and give towards his support whenever one is licensed thereto. In the meantime the Committee would call upon all the faithful to pray that the "Lord of the vineyard would send forth labourers into the vineyard;" and not only to pray, but at the same time to give of their substance for the supporting, and use all proper and legitimate influence in the furtherance of the appointment, of a Missionary, not merely for this field of labour, but also for the remaining portion of the Mission.

Your Secretary, in lieu of public meetings, preached sermons in behalf of the Society at Jordan and Port Dalhousie, at Fort Erie and Bertie.

The Parochial Branches included within the bounds of this District Branch Association, report as follows:—

NIAGARA.

The Parish of Niagara reports the sum of £54 5s., being a large increase over last year. This increase is very satisfactory, inasmuch as this parish has contributed upwards of £30 to the four quarterly collections of the Society, and has raised for church purposes a further sum of upwards of £150 specially, and an amount of upwards of £50 has been contributed at the offertory, and a handsome chandelier and set of lamps in addition, procured for the use of the Church at a cost of between £20 and £30.

ST. CATHARINES.

This Parish Reports:—

Annual Subscriptions	£63	1	3
Donations to Missionary Fund	3	5	1
Total	£66	6	4

This amount, considering the loss of some subscribers, and the great depression in trade, and consequent scarcity of money, which has been seriously felt in this parish during the past year, the Parochial Committee considers very encouraging. It is true they have to express regret that some few have diminished the amount of their subscriptions, and that others contented themselves with contributing one dollar or less who must be conscious that thrown as the Church is for her Missionary operations upon the voluntary offerings of her people, they *ought* to have given more liberally in proportion to their means; still, against this dark side of the picture, the Parochial Committee have to record the very pleasing fact, that some have this year doubled, and others more than doubled, their former subscription. This noble example, worthy of all imitation, coupled with the zealous exertion of the collectors, especially the young ladies who collected in the town, greatly cheers the Committee and induces them heartily to "thank God and take courage."

CHIPPAWA.

This parish reports the sum of £46 10s., being as an increase on last year.

The United Association of Stamford and Drummondville in the Parish of Chippawa report as follows:

Donations to W. O. Par. Soc., including Clergyman's subscription	£2	15	0
Donations to Mission Fund	0	15	10
ditto Students' Fund	0	5	0
ditto G. P. F.	0	5	0
Indian Mission Fund	2	10	2
Subscriptions and donations	19	4	4½

Total £25 15 4½

Against £20 6s. of last year, making in all from the parish of Chippawa £72 5s. 4½d. The Committee would express a hope that this is only an earnest of a still further increase in future years. It is but justice to this portion of the parish here to mention that this is an addition to great exertions which are now being made to complete a very beautiful and substantial stone Church in Drummondville; nearly £650 being already expended thereon. In accordance with the resolution of the District Branch they report £99 6s. 6d. as collected and subscribed in these united charges for Church purposes, for the year ending Easter, 1856.

THOROLD.

The Chairman of the Parochial Association reports that the collections for this year for general purposes amount to £28 2s. 6d., which, considering the very general failure not only of the wheat,

but also of the spring crops, is deemed very encouraging ; for when the farmer loses his crops, as was very generally the case in this neighbourhood, all persons in the community suffer. Besides this, the members of the Church at Fort Robinson have contributed very liberally towards the purchase of a very large and fine-toned Bell for that Church, whilst one of their members contributed £12 10s. to that excellent object, in addition to a like sum for the purchase of appropriate hangings for the Reading-desk, Pulpit, and Communion Table, together with a beautiful fine linen cloth for the same. The members of the Church at Thorold have this year, for the first time, been called upon to contribute to the support of their Church in the shape of pew rents, and have exhibited very commendable readiness to respond to this call. Notwithstanding these increased calls upon the people and decreased ability to meet them, it is believed that had we been able to obtain the services of a Travelling Missionary for the destitute parts of the district, a far larger sum could have been obtained. Whilst, therefore, the Chairman of the Parochial Committee regrets that he cannot make a more favourable report, yet he thinks he has shewn some reason for not being able to do so.

DUNNVILLE.

The Committee reports as collected £11 6s. 10½d.

FORT ERIE.

The parish of Fort Erie reports the sum of £11 10s. 7½d.

LOUTH.

This parish reports the sum of £11 9s. 4d. The Rev. Secretary was kind enough a few weeks since to preach two sermons (at Jordan and the Port) explanatory of the objects of the Church Society, and well calculated to excite a greater interest in its prosperity. In addition to the sum above mentioned, this parish, which is probably one of the weakest in the district, subscribed during the past year £60 towards the stipend of the clergyman, and other church objects. The offertory collections at St. James, Port Dalhousie, during the same period amount to about £18 additional. The Treasurer's report is subjoined hereto.

In thus bringing their report to a conclusion, your Committee cannot omit expressing an earnest hope that the members of the Church will use increased efforts in the cause of Christ, to give for the extension of the same, more liberally, for the time to come, of that which God has given them. For after all they can only say, "Of thine own we have given Thee." That great spiritual destitution exists not only in more distant settlements, but every where around us, is too apparent. "The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few." Many for whom Christ died, are born, live, and die without God in the world. Let a sense of this appeal with its full force to every heart, and there will be found little time and less inclination for any thing but what may conduce to the

salvation of those whose spiritual wants call upon us for relief.
 "Freely ye have received, freely give."

GRIMSHY.

The Incumbent of this parish reported directly to the Parent Society £19 15s. collected, including the life subscription of J. Pettit, Esq.

Niagara District Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, in Account with T. B. Fuller, Treasurer.

Name of Parish.	Total Received.	For Parent Society.	To District Treas. and Miss'n fund	Returned to Parishes.
Niagara	39 9 0	9 8 9	9 8 9	18 17 6
Rector's contribution to Widows and Orphans' Fund...		1 5 0		
St. Catharines	66 6 3	14 10 3½	14 10 3½	29 0 7½
Rector's and Assistant Minister's contribution to Widows and Orphans' Fund.....		8 5 0		
Two Incorporated Members.....				
Special contributions				
Chippawa	46 10 0	8 10 0	8 10 0	17 0 0
Rector's contribution to Widows and Orphans' Fund...		12 10 0		
Thorold	28 2 6	6 14 4½	6 14 4½	13 8 9
Rector's contribution to Widows and Orphans' Fund...		1 5 0		
Louth	11 9 6	2 11 1	2 11 1	5 2 2
Rector's contribution to Widows and Orphans' Fund...		1 5 0		
Drummondville and Stamford.....	25 15 4½	4 16 0	4 16 0	9 12 0
Clergyman's contribution to Widows and Orphans' F.		1 5 0		
Special donations for Parent Society.....		5 6 0		
Dunville	19 12 6	2 16 10½	2 16 10½	5 13 9
Clergyman's contribution to Widows and Orphans' F		1 5 0		
Fort Erie.....	11 10 6	2 5 1½	2 5 1½	5 15 3
	241 6 7	83 18 6	51 12 5½	104 10 0½

T. B. FULLER, Treasurer.

Thorold, April, 28, 1857.

LONDON AND HURON DISTRICT.

LONDON.

The collections made in the Missions of St. Paul's, London, amount to £115 4s. 4d., out of which sum £40 was remitted to the Parent Society, including the subscription of the Rev. Dr. Cronyn, the Rev. H. H. O'Neill, and the incorporated members.

Sums collected in St. John's Church, London township, by ordinary subscription, £20 8s., of which they retain for local purposes three-fourths, or £15 6d., and remit one-fourth, say.....	£5 2 0
Also Rev. C. C. Brough's subscription.....	1 5 0
Four Sermons—	
Mission Fund	3 0 10
General Purposes.....	2 8 3
Widows' and Orphans' Fund.....	3 3 11
Students' Fund	2 5 0
Total.....	£17 5 0

CARADOC AND DELAWARE.

Total Subscriptions	£10 0 0
Reserved for Local Purposes three-fourths, or	7 10 0
Remitted to Parent Society.....	£2 10 0

ST. THOMAS.

Total Subscriptions stated at.....	£40	0	0	
Retained for Local Purposes three-fourths, or.....	80	0	0	
Remitted to Parent Society.....		£10	0	0

PORT STANLEY.

Total Subscriptions stated at.....	£7	10	0	
Subscriptions of Rev. J. Mockridge and S.				
Price, remitted by Mr. M	£2	10	0	
Retained for local objects	1	5	0	
Appropriated to Missionary purposes in this				
District.....	2	10	0	
		6	5	0
Remitted to Parent Society.....		£1	5	0

BIDDULPH, ST. MARY'S.

Total Subscriptions	£17	9	2	
One-half retained for local objects.....	£8	14	6	
One-fourth appropriated to Missionary purposes		4	7	5
			18	1 11
Remitted to Parent Society.....				4 7 8
				£18 2 8

WINDSOR.

The last meeting of this Parochial Branch was held on the happy day on which was laid the foundation stone of the Church now in course of erection in this village. Circumstances, which it would be out of place to refer to here, have delayed the prosecution of that work with the rapidity with which we then ventured to anticipate. Yet we trust that early in the ensuing summer we shall be able to occupy it for the worship of God. In undertaking the erection of a building which in its fair proportions, and ritual comeliness, as well as the lasting materials of which it is constructed, should be in some measure suited to its holy purpose, the congregation incurred a very heavy charge; the Church here is, so to speak, but in its infancy; and whether we consider the number of churchmen, or their means, it is evident that strenuous exertions on their part, and earnest self-denial are requisite, before they can hope to see their purpose fully accomplished.

While their own urgent necessities are thus pressing upon them, it is not possible that they should extend to the wants of the church at large that liberal aid which may be expected from older and wealthier congregations. Yet it must not be supposed that they are insensible to those wants, or regardless of the important objects which the Diocesan Church Society has in view. The collections for the special objects of the Society have increased in amount, and even the annual subscriptions, although several of the most liberal contributors have removed from the place, exceed those of last year. And it may reasonably be hoped that when the liabilities occasioned by the erection of the church have been defrayed,

the members of the Church in this place will be found willing to co-operate heartily and liberally with their fellow-churchmen throughout the Diocese, in promoting the success of a Society, the objects of which are so entirely in accordance with the principles of their holy faith. Collected at Sandwich £2 5s. Od., remitted one-fourth, 11s. 3d. Windsor £12 7s. 3d., remitted £4 0s. 7d.

SARNIA.

The Committee beg to hand in the Report for the past year. There is a slight increase in the amount collected over that of the preceding year, but still it falls very far short of what ought to be collected, if the minds of the people were sufficiently alive to the importance of the Society, and the urgency of its claims upon the support of the members of the Church. Collected £32 3s. 11d., remitted £14 12s.

MOORE.

The Committee of the Moore Parochial Branch of the Church Society beg to report that there has been a slight increase both in the number of subscribers and in the amount subscribed.

The whole amount collected is £14 3s. 11½d., of which they remit to the Parent Society £8 1s. 3d., leaving a balance in hand of £6 2s. 8½d.

HUNTINGFORD, EAST ZORA.

The Committee of this Association report, with regret, a slight falling off in the amount of their collections for the current year. This falling off, however, they feel confident is attributable in part to the hardness of the times, but still more to the removal of some of the most liberal supporters of the Society, rather than to any lack of zeal or interest in the welfare of the Church in general, or of the Church Society in particular.

The subscriptions, &c., for the current year amount to £9 2s. 6d., the whole of which will, as usual, be remitted intact to the Parent Society.

WARWICK.

Your Committee, in making this their second Annual Report, have not any important statement to make. Two years ago this Parochial Branch of the Church Society was formed, when the sum of £4 was contributed, although no public meeting was held.

Last year a public meeting was held, but in consequence of a misunderstanding as to the time of holding it, the deputation did not attend. Notwithstanding this disappointment, which was seriously felt, a larger amount was contributed than that of the present year. Your Committee are glad to report an encouraging increase this year also—an increase which would have been much larger had it not been for pressing local claims.

Contributions for the first time have been regularly made towards the maintenance of the rector of the parish. It was found necessary to erect a stable on the glebe, which cost not less than £30. Two new churches have been commenced, one at Wisbeach, in the township of Warwick, which has been opened some months ago for divine service, although still unfinished in the interior; the other is in the township of Brooke, which it is hoped will be ready for divine service in a few weeks. This church would have been completed some time ago had it not been for the delay occasioned in consequence of the roof having been blown off by a storm shortly after it was erected. Improvements have been made in fitting up the interior of St. Mary's Church, at a cost of nearly £20: all these sources of expenditure have been found to press heavily on a people hitherto unaccustomed to do much for the support and extension of the Church; so that when all the circumstances of the parish are considered, your Committee think that the conduct of the parishioners has not been unworthy of commendation.

May we not weary in well doing, but while every local claim is met, with increasing earnestness and liberality may we endeavour to assist in extending the ministrations of the Church to the destitute portions of the province. The immense importance of a Missionary Institution in the present position of the Church—thrown as she is upon the voluntary support of the people—must appear evident to every one; and since the Church Society is the only missionary organization we have, the duty of contributing liberally to promote its objects becomes imperative. If this course was universally pursued by churchmen we might hope that the day is not far distant when the services of the Church should be permanently established in every settlement.

May God give us all a just sense of our responsibilities, and a heart to glorify His Name from whom comes every good and perfect gift, and without whose blessing there can be no permanent success in the promotion of religion.

HOWARD AND OXFORD.

The Committee of this Association have, properly speaking, no report to make for the past year, owing to its recent formation in February last; at which time a meeting was held for the purpose of organizing a Parochial Branch of the Church Society within the mission. Although the weather was very unfavourable at that time, owing to the severe cold, for making a long journey, the Rev. Secretary of the Society was kind enough to give his attendance on that occasion. He ably and forcibly explained the objects of the Society to, though not a large, yet an attentive audience.

But a short time has elapsed since the meeting, yet the Committee have not lost sight of the Society nor their duty towards it;

and though the bad state of the roads since then has been very much against collecting, they have, through their sub-committee in the persons of four young ladies of the congregation, who zealously lent their services to the work, been able to raise in aid of the Society's funds the sum of £14 10s. currency, all of which is remitted to the Parent Society at Toronto.

The Committee feel pleasure in stating that although but a little more than two years have passed since a resident clergyman was appointed to the mission, much has been done for the Church. Besides the usual quarterly collections in aid of the Society, and incidental expenses, the congregation during the past year have had Trinity Church painted, at a cost of about £35, besides subscribing nearly £60 to the minister's annual stipend.

The Committee, in feeling thankful to the Giver of all good for His blessing thus far vouchsafed to the Church in this section, trust the coming year will witness a greater zeal and activity among her members in the cause of the Church Society, which, under Providence, is the instrument of extending the Fold of Christ through this Diocese.

NEWCASTLE DISTRICT.

The following is a statement of the Parochial Reports, as far as they have yet been received:—

CLARKE PAROCHIAL COMMITTEE.

The Clarke Parochial Committee are happy in being able to report a material increase, both in the number of subscribers, and the amount subscribed to the Society. This is peculiarly encouraging, inasmuch as the gentlemen who form the Building Committee of the church about to be erected in the village of Newcastle, were at the same time engaged in soliciting additional aid in behalf of that object.

For this very satisfactory result, the Committee acknowledge themselves indebted to the praiseworthy exertions of those ladies, who kindly undertook the work of collection.

The amount at present in the hands of the Treasurer is £33. The balance, after deducting the *fourth* to be transmitted to the Parent Society, will be sufficient to pay off the debt on the Parsonage, which, for some time, has been a serious drain on the resources of the Association.

The Committee hope, at no distant period, to be in a position to appropriate, without prejudice to parochial claims upon the funds at their disposal, a larger proportion than *one-fourth* to the general purposes of the Parent Society.

PERRYTOWN PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The subscriptions for the year just closed, although not quite

filled up, show a very satisfactory increase over those of the preceding. The Committee report on behalf of St. Paul's Church, Perrytown, the sum of £23 0s. 1½d. And from the

ELIZABETHTOWN PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION,

the sum of £7 10s., making together £30 10s. 1½d. from this comparatively new Mission.

The Committee also report various parochial improvements, effected chiefly by means of the funds raised for local purposes. It appears that they have been enabled to purchase Communion Plate for both churches; together with new coverings for the desk and altar at Perrytown. A gallery is also in process of erection, and the church at Elizabethtown has been painted at an expense of £21. Towards this object, and the procuring of a bell for the church at Perrytown, the Committee intend to appropriate the three-fourths applicable to local objects.

It is also gratifying to be able to state, that the people of this Mission paid upwards of £100 to their Pastor's salary during the past year. What an example is this to older, and more wealthy parishes! And how essential it is to the prosperity of the Church, and to the efficient working of our Institutions, that the salaries of our poor Missionaries should be regularly and punctually paid. Some Missions are already ruined and gone to waste, owing to the heartless conduct of the people in this respect.

CAVAN PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Annual Meetings were held, as usual, in St. Paul's and St. John's Churches. The latter was well attended. The Committee report that the church at Milbrook is nearly finished; and it is expected that it will be ready for Divine Service early in the ensuing summer. Some delay has been experienced in completing the Subscription Lists, in consequence of the recent illness of the Rector.

The collections in this Mission, however, amount to the sum of £35, viz. :—

St. Paul's Parochial Committee	£18	0	0
St. John's Parochial Committee	17	0	0

CARTWRIGHT PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

At the last Annual Parochial Meeting of this Association, the sum of £9 17s. 6d. was immediately collected. And it is hoped, that no difficulty will be experienced in raising the amount to £15, one-fourth of which is to be set apart for the Parent Society. The interior of the church in this Township has been thoroughly painted since the last report; and the congregation have contributed the sum of £35 towards their Minister's income.

MANVERS PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATIONS.

The attendance at the last annual meeting of this Association is reported as not so large as on the preceding occasion. The sum of £6 was collected at the meeting. The collections are not yet quite finished; but the sum of £5 has been promised for the Parent Society. The members of this congregation have paid £30 to their Missionary's income for the past year.

GRAFTON PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

This Committee have to report a sad falling off in the subscriptions for the past year. This is, in part, to be attributed to the difficulty experienced in the work of collection; but chiefly to the great loss sustained by the parish, in the lamented death of John Dougald Cameron, Esq. He was a sound churchman—a pious and devout christian, and a liberal supporter of every institution connected with the well-being and prosperity of his Church and Parish. "The memory of the just is blessed:" and his name will be held in grateful remembrance by those who saw and admired his various works of piety, and christian beneficence.

The amount at present collected is £13 10s., which, it is hoped, will yet be increased before the closing of the past year's accounts. The usually allotted portion will be reserved for the general purposes of the Parent Society.

COLBORNE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

This Parochial Committee are happy to report, that the debt on the glebe has at length been paid off; and this small endowment secured in perpetuity for the benefit of the Incumbent. This has been effected by a course of steady perseverance, during a period of twelve years; and the members of the church have now the satisfaction of knowing that their parish is entirely free from incumbrance of any kind. It is intended to place this trust in the hands of the Church Society—the only corporate body in the Diocese capable of holding church property,—while the management of the trust is to rest with the Incumbent and churchwardens, for the time being.

The same Committee of gentlemen who, for so many years have exerted themselves on behalf of the Church Society, have undertaken the work of collection this year also: but as their reports are not yet completed, the exact amount cannot be ascertained. It is hoped, however, that it will not fall much short of the preceding year's collections. Yet, it is right to state, that in the village of Brighton, from whence various subscriptions have hitherto been received, steps are now being taken for the erection of a church, as they enjoy the occasional services of the Rev. William Bleasdel, from Trenton.

It has been since ascertained that the amount subscribed by this

Parochial Association for the year just closed is £22 13s. 6d., one-fourth of which is available for the Parent Society.

DARLINGTON PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The Parochial Committee report, that within the last year, the heavy debt on the new church in the village of Bowmanville has been decreased to the amount of £150, the proceeds of two concerts given for that purpose.

It appears, also, that during the past year, the sum of £20 has been contributed to the funds of the Church Society; of this amount, one-fourth is to be transmitted to the Parent Society, and the remaining three-fourths are to be appropriated to the Missionary Department of the Society's operations.

COBOURG PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

The task of collecting for this Parochial branch was this year delegated almost exclusively to ladies; and the success of the arrangement has been manifested in an increase of more than £20 over the collections of the preceding year.

This progressive increase is nothing more than could have been expected from the steady increase of the population, and the great advance in the prosperity of the town. And we feel that we are right in being nothing daunted in our appeals for this Society, by the numerous other local church objects which demand our liberal aid. The church debt, which at Easter, 1855, amounted to about £750, was reduced last Easter to £475, and it is expected that, on Easter Monday next, it will be further diminished by £150. A considerable sum has, besides, during the last summer, been laid out upon the church and church premises, and about £70 expended on the Parsonage in part of a grant by the Vestry. Upwards of £200 has lately been specially subscribed for defraying the expense of lighting the church with gas, and purchasing a new bell. The gas has been provided and proves highly satisfactory; and a bell has been ordered from England, and may be expected in the course of the month of May.

After all this has been effected, much more remains to be done, —serving practically to prove to us that the work of christian benevolence is never to stop; that we are never to rest or slacken in our liberality, as long as God's gifts are continued to us. When God ceases to give, then and then only may we think of standing still in our bounty for His cause.

The appeals in this parish for various objects, have been, perhaps, unusually frequent during the past winter; but it is a gratifying fact that, nevertheless, the offertory collections on Sundays have never before been so large. This proves that it is the active and constant exercise of almsgiving which creates heartiness and liberality in giving. To plead the pressure of local claims as a

reason for withholding our aid from a public institution like the Church Society, is a reproach to which we trust this Parochial branch will never subject itself.

The account for the present year stands thus :—

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By balance from last year.....	£ 2 18 2
By subscriptions received for 1857.....	116 15 7½
	£119 8 9½

DR.

To paid for Sunday School Reward Books.....	£ 9 4 9
To paid carriage of Reports, &c.....	0 5 0
To paid Mr. Down tuition of four pupils.....	2 8 0
To one-fourth to Parent Society.....	29 0 0
To grant to Cemetery Fund.....	38 10 0
To do. St. Peter's Church Fund.....	38 10 0
	117 18 6

Balance in Treasurer's hands£ 1 10 8½

PORT HOPE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

From this parish no report has been received, as it is understood that nothing has been done, or is likely to be done, in furtherance of the Society's objects.

RICE LAKE PAROCHIAL ASSOCIATION.

From this Association no report has been received.

CLERICAL CHANGES SINCE OUR LAST ANNUAL MEETING.

The Rev. Charles Ruttan has been removed to the Mission of Hillier, in the Prince Edward District; and the Rev. Charles Thomson succeeds him, as assistant minister of St. Peter's Church, Cobourg.

Before concluding their Report, there are two points of great importance, to which the Managing Committee beg to call your attention. First, the establishment of a *Depository*, for the circulation of Bibles, Prayer-books, religious tracts, and other publications suitable for distribution among the youthful portion of our members. And, secondly, the formation of a *Mission Fund*, for the support of one or more travelling Missionaries for the back settlements, and destitute portions of this extensive District.

With respect to the first of these objects, viz., the establishment of a Central Depository, from which the clergy of the District could obtain, at a cheap rate, Bibles, Prayer-books and religious tracts, your Committee feel that they cannot recommend it too strongly. There are cases constantly occurring, of people attending our churches from among the surrounding denominations who, if they could only be correctly informed on the nature and principles of the Church—her divine institution—her Apostolic Ministry—her doctrines, worship and sacraments,—would, we cannot doubt, be anxious for admission into her fold. Now, although it is very

Grandfather of Mrs.
F. H. Mason

true that the clergyman, in the course of his pastoral visits from house to house, can do much in the way of removing prejudices, and correcting erroneous impressions; yet, how greatly would his labours be facilitated, and his hands strengthened, by the aid of such books and tracts, as would afford the requisite information on these important subjects.

And even of our own members, how few, comparatively, rightly understand the principles and doctrines of the church to which they belong. This arises, in most cases, from early parental neglect, or else from defective training. Now to such persons, what valuable assistance might not be afforded, by placing within their reach such books and tracts as would bring them to a correct knowledge of the doctrines and duties contained in the Church Catechism, and in the Book of Common Prayer.

They would, then, by God's blessing, acquire a taste for reading of a higher and better order than that in which they commonly indulge—they would obtain the best of all knowledge—the knowledge of God, and their relation and duties to Him—and be enabled to give to every man that enquired of them, “a reason of the faith that is in them.”

Towards the establishment and maintenance of such Depository, your Committee would therefore beg to recommend that an amount equal to *one-tenth* of all moneys collected for the Church Society within the District, be hereafter annually appropriated.

With regard to the second of these objects, in the formation of a *District Travelling Mission Fund*, your Committee trust that they need use no lengthened arguments to convince you of its necessity and importance. When we look around us, and behold the spiritual destitution which prevails, we need not say another word to show the urgent necessity of adopting some agency whereby it may be relieved. The township of Seymour, with Church Parsonage, has no clergyman. Percy has no Missionary. Asphodel, while possessing a church, is yet without a Missionary. Dummer, with a church, has no resident Missionary. Alnwick has no Missionary. Besides the back parts of the other townships lying within the counties of Northumberland and Durham, which can but rarely be visited by the resident clergy within those bounds. Surely this is a state of things which call loudly for some exertion being made on our part, to carry the ministrations of the Church into those settlements. It may not be possible for some time to come, to supply all these places with resident and settled ministers; but the deficiency may be in part supplied by affording them the occasional services of one or more travelling Missionaries. And with a view to the furtherance of this important object, your Committee beg to recommend that another *tenth* of the entire sum collected, be hereafter set apart in aid of a Travelling Mission Fund, towards the support of one or more travelling Missionaries, to be employed within the Counties of Northumberland and Durham.

By some such arrangement as this, *one-fourth* would still be sent to the Parent Society, for general purposes, and *one-fifth*, or two-tenths would be devoted to the maintenance of a Depository, and the support of a Travelling Mission Fund. The remainder would still be available for local purposes within the respective parishes, so long as they continued to need such support.

It seems to the Managing Committee that by this means fresh energy may be infused into the working of our Society; and our people be led to take a more lively interest in its welfare, when they see the apparent good effects of its management brought more immediately under their observation.

MIDLAND DISTRICT.

At the close of another year in the history of this Society, the Committee proceeds as usual to lay before its members a statement of its exertions during the year, of the wants of the church within the field of its operations, of the encouragement which it has received, and of the prospects of usefulness which present themselves. In hastily glancing at these matters many things will probably appear of a discouraging character, if not as a just cause of self-reproach; while others again may justly be viewed as subjects of congratulation and hope, and as well calculated to revive the fainting heart, and stimulate to uncommon and untiring exertions in future in the cause of Christ.

The lesson which the Church of England in this Province has been very slow to learn—"not to put her trust in princes"—she has at length mastered under the discipline of severe affliction, and the teaching of bitter experience. If, however, she, as a church, and her members, as individuals, in the midst of these trials, have also learned, first to put their trust in the living God, and next in her scriptural truth and Divine principles, vitally believed and energetically practised, it is worth to her far more than her rich endowment, infinitely more than the thousands of acres, or the thousands of pounds sterling which she has lost.

The destitution which exists within the sphere of the operations of this branch is not only painful to contemplate, but it is actually increasing from year to year. Like an insidious foe it seems gradually approaching our centres of strength. This vast district is already divided into twenty-three townships, each about ten miles square, comprehending an area of 2,600 square miles. In the rear of these lies a large territory, now sparsely inhabited, but which, under arrangements already completed, will in a few years be filled with a busy population. Throughout this immense field, Kingston and its suburbs alone excepted, there are only four clergymen of the Church of England. Five of the townships in the district are thus partially supplied, while eighteen out of

twenty-three townships, and all its unsurveyed lands, are now without a single missionary of the Church of England.'

The population of this district amounts at the present time probably to nearly 60,000 souls. At the last census the members of the Church of England within its bounds numbered 13,756. From the *Table, Appendix "No. 7, shewing the state of religion in general in these united counties,"* two facts are evident; first, that the Church of England constitutes one-fourth of the entire population within their limits, and ought, therefore, to have greater vigour and ability for self-support and extension, than any other christian community. The next fact is of a painful and humiliating character. It is this, that notwithstanding the wealth of the church in this district, its respectability and intelligence, a very large proportion of the membership of the church is in a state of spiritual destitution, without churches, without the services of the church, without clergymen, in fine, except when brought to them by other denominations, without religious instruction. In the wilderness, amidst the struggles and trials incident to new settlers, when religion would have been to them a blessed consolation, they have been left in almost utter destitution. Their children in too many instances are growing up without christian baptism; their young people enter into that "estate which is honourable in all," without the blessing of their church; their old people die, without the ministrations of religion, and are buried without the voice of prayer.

This destitution exists in the very vicinity of this city. Wolfe Island has a church population of 972 souls, a good church erected, and a fund of upwards of £200 for building a parsonage, and yet it remains in a state of spiritual deprivation. The township of Kingston, with 1,274 adherents of the church, with the exception of a few families in and around the village of Portsmouth, is in the same state of destitution. The thriving township of Storrington, having within its bounds 612 members of the church, suffers the same affliction. Four other townships in this county, containing upwards of a thousand members, experience the same distressing destitution, while the remaining six townships in Frontenac, the population of which is unknown, have never yet been visited by a clergyman at all. Camden, with 1,187 members, and Sheffield with 384, are now also destitute. In short, there is more than one-half of the members of the Church of England in the Midland District, and eighteen whole townships especially, almost totally deprived of the services of their professed religion, and indebted for what religious instruction they may occasionally receive, to other societies than their own. It is not, therefore, surprising that from year to year family after family leave the church of their fathers, and that a great proportion of those now in some other denominations, were once members—

but it must be added, *neglected* members of our own communion. It is a source of deep humiliation before Almighty God, that the Church of England is thus losing ground in this district, and that, too, while the country is rapidly rising in prosperity, and other denominations are growing stronger and stronger. But this painful condition of things, which should lead to sincere repentance for the past and greater activity for the future, must not be wholly ascribed to mere neglect. It has arisen in part from unavoidable circumstances. Death has carried away some of our clergymen, and vacancies thus created remain unfilled. Notwithstanding the strenuous exertions of the Bishop, no clergyman could be sent to the destitute localities; and within a few years five clergymen have removed to other parts of the diocese.

MISSIONARIES.

The Committee, in March last, resolved, if possible, to procure a missionary to relieve, in some degree, the great destitution in the District. With this object in view, correspondence was opened with the Colonial Church and School Society, but neither the proper man, nor the required means were available. Application was also made to the Bishop of Toronto, for an experienced clergyman for this important field of duty. The answer to this application gives encouragement to hope that as soon as the services of a suitable clergyman can be secured, the Parent Society will unite with this Branch in giving him a liberal support. It may here be remarked, that the sub-associations in the country are so oppressed with the sense of the prevailing destitution, that they have resolved to apply the whole of their available funds for the support of one or more travelling missionaries. One missionary might, indeed, accomplish much good: but it will require the best exertions of many to extend the kingdom of Jesus crucified throughout this vast field of spiritual destitution.

THE DEPOSITORY.

The Depository has continued to furnish a supply of Bibles and Prayer Books, with other religious books and tracts, sufficient to meet all demands. At the commencement of the present year, the stock of books of all kinds was valued at about £47 currency. Books and tracts, to the value of about £50 sterling, selected by the Rev. W. H. Herchmer, from the list of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, have been added during the year. A valuable selection of tracts was also made by Mr. Herchmer, to the amount of £5 sterling, from the Bristol Tract Society. Hymn books of various kinds have also been procured, to the value of £6 8s. currency. The stock of books has, therefore, been increased by the addition of upwards of £70. The expense of its management, exclusive of per centage on sales, and including all charges on the books received, is less than £4 currency. The Depository

has been carefully managed by Mrs. Ferns. The amount of sales since last March has been nearly £30. A large number of tracts and religious works have been sold, together with 233 Prayer Books, 33 Bibles, 254 volumes of other books, making a total of 524 volumes in all.

THE EPISCOPAL ENDOWMENT FUND.

As a report of the Special Committee appointed to look after this fund is added to this, it is unnecessary here to make particular reference to that matter, further than to express the hope that, in the providence of God, all obstacles in the way of obtaining a bishop may be speedily removed, and that He may send a man after His own heart to rule over us.

PAROCHIAL BRANCHES.

During the the summer, and again during the winter, the parochial branches in the country were visited by a deputation. The meetings in the summer, with two or three exceptions, were failures; but at Bath, Napanee, and Clarke's Mills, a fresh impetus was given to the branches, and good meetings were anticipated in the winter.

BATH.

The parochial branch in this place reports, through its chairman, that little for the purposes of the Church Society had been accomplished; that £25 had been raised in money and lands towards a sustentation fund; and that £15 above the annual subscription for the incumbent had been collected.

There was collected in the parish—

For the Mission Fund.....	£1	0	0
Widows and Orphans' Fund	0	15	0
	£1	15	0

Two meetings were held in Bath in the course of the year, and at the meeting in the summer several pounds were subscribed, which probably were applied to parochial purposes. A meeting was also held at the village of Odessa, or Mill Creek, in the same parish, and a society organized. Speaking of the spiritual destitution in that parish, the rector says: "It is sad, indeed! Two additional clergymen would find ample employment therein, though I should be thankful, most thankful, could I see any prospect of procuring the assistance even of one." The parish contains 956 members of the Church of England.

FREDERICKSBURG AND ADOLPHUSTOWN.

The parish contains two townships: Fredericksburgh, having within it 694 members; and Adolphustown, having only 169 adherents of the Church. The Rev. J. A. Muloch has a large

and laborious mission. He reports that in both his churches, the collections, amounting to £4 5s., were taken up and transmitted to the Parent Society. Mr. Muloch closes his report in the following words:—"The Church Society languishes here, in consequence of the apparent neglect of this part of the Diocese, there being five vacancies in this section within the last two years, none of which have been filled; and until there is a better prospect of something being done for these destitute missions, an appeal to the people on behalf of the Church Society, from whose funds they receive no benefit, will be in vain."

AMHERST ISLAND.

There is no report from this mission; but the sum of £2 5s. was collected for the Widows and Orphans' fund, and transmitted to Toronto. There are about 400 members of the Church in this parish.

TYENDENAGA.

This parish contains a prosperous branch. The whole amount raised for the Church Society during the year, is £33 6s. 9d., of which £15 17s. 8d. should have been sent to this district branch, but was remitted to Toronto. There are 1640 adherents of the Church in Tyendenaga, and the Missionary, the Rev. J. A. Anderson, has very arduous duties to perform. It is certainly very much to his credit that the parochial branch is so effective and zealous; and that so large an amount has been collected.

NAPANEE.

There are 1019 members of the Church in this mission. It has two or three different stations, and a small but substantial church, built by the late Hon. John Cartwright. Two meetings of the Church Society were held here during the year. The parochial branch is well organized, and reports a sum raised for various purposes of £15 10s. 6½d.

The Church has been much improved, and the congregation considerably increased in the year. There is every reason to be satisfied with the exertions of the Society in this parish.

The townships to which reference has now been made were originally settled by the United Empire Loyalists, who came here after the revolution, and it is a most mortifying reflection, that having left all, home, friends, lands, relations, and every earthly consideration, out of regard for the king and the Church, that their descendants to the third generation should have remained, comparatively speaking, and as far as their own communion is concerned, in a state of spiritual destitution.

CAMDEN.

This township contains a church population of 1187, and Sheffield, another township in the same mission, 384 members of

our communion. A very interesting meeting was held in this parish last summer, where a subscription was made, and the greater part paid at the time, of £7 10s. for the Church Society. A committee was appointed and a parochial branch organized, and it was hoped that in the winter the fair prospects then in view might be fully realized. At that meeting the Rev. Paul Shirley, the incumbent, presided and addressed the audience with much animation. But God's ways, however, are not our ways, and our hopes were painfully and unexpectedly disappointed. The Rev. Paul Shirley not long afterwards, while discharging his duty as superintendent of schools, and while in the act of examining a class, suddenly dropt down dead. He had laboured long and was much beloved in that extensive mission. The funeral services were performed by the Rev. W. B. Lauder, and his mortal remains committed to the grave, until the great day of God Almighty. The vacancy which was thus created remains as yet unfilled.

LOBOROUGH AND STORRINGTON.

In these townships was once a flourishing society, but the frequent changes of ministers in the mission, and of late the removal of the minister from the mission, have led to the disorganization of the society, and now nothing is done. There are in this mission two churches, and about one thousand members.—This mission is much indebted to the Rev. Mr. Bower for occasional visits. The Secretary visited Storrington, and found a large and attentive congregation. A very active branch of the Church Society might be formed, with a little attention, in this place.

BARRIEFIELD AND PITTSBURGH.

In this mission are two churches and one or two other stations; it contains 1035 members. The duties of the missionary are very laborious. The incumbent reports that the quarterly collections have been made and transmitted to the Society. A beautiful Font, at a cost of £26, has been placed in St. Mark's Church. The missionary has baptised in the year 55 children, 17 of which were baptised in other townships. He closes his report with the following very appropriate remark: "There are at the present time, the townships of Kingston, Storrington, Loborough, Bedford, Oro, Olden, Kenebec, Sheffield, Camden, Portland, and other townships, where the voice of one of our missionaries is never heard. We hear of subscriptions being raised to send missionaries to all parts of the heathen world, but here, at our very doors, and people of our own origin, are hundreds who never hear the sound of the gospel, *and does not this cry aloud for immediate relief?*"

PORTSMOUTH.

The number of members of the Church of England in the

township of Kingston, and beyond the limits of the city, is 1874. These members of the Church are scattered over an area of 100 square miles, and with the exception of the congregation at Portsmouth, are wholly deprived of the services of the Church. At Portsmouth is a very active sub-association, which deserves much credit for its exertions this year. The quarterly collections were duly made in St. John's Church, and transmitted to Toronto. The amount thus raised was £9. Besides this, through the exertions of their minister, who has taken much interest in the Church Society in the course of the year, aided by the Sunday School children, it appears, that ten pounds were collected for the Indian catechist and teacher among the Oneidas, the superintendence of the Rev. Mr. Flood.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

There is no report from the branch connected with the congregation of this church for the very satisfactory reason that it has only this year become re-organized after the scattering caused by the burning of their church. The new church was opened for divine worship on the first Sunday in August, and the incumbent, the Rev. J. S. Clarke, from that time onward has had the satisfaction of ministering to a large and attentive audience. But after the great exertions of this congregation in re-building their church, as a considerable debt still remains unpaid, and as their utmost exertions could only meet the current expenses, it was thought impossible this year to do any thing for the Church Society. The Parochial Committee have not, however, forgotten this important institution, and propose at the Easter meeting to take steps for an efficient re-organization of the branch. The present church, when completed, will be a fine structure, vastly superior in beauty, capacity, and convenience to the old church of St. Paul's; and the congregation will long remember that for these improvements they are much indebted to the great efforts of their late indefatigable and much lamented minister, the Rev. William Greig.

ST. JAMES' CHURCH.

There is no report from this branch. But it is understood that in consequence of the efforts of the congregation to reduce the debts upon the church, and to make some indispensable repairs, it was considered inadvisable to impose for the present any greater burthens upon the congregation. The collection for the Widows and Orphans' fund, amounting to £2 8s., was made, and transmitted to the Parent Society.

ST. GEORGE'S CHURCH.

This branch continues still in a flourishing condition. It has supplied for years the only funds available for missionary purposes, and other objects, in this district. To this branch we are indebted

for ability year after year to assist the missionaries in Barriefield and Portsmouth. The four quarterly collections have been made in this parish, and remitted to the Parent Society. The subscriptions for the present year amount to £50 17s. 6d.

APPENDIX.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

1856	<i>Receipts.</i>	£	s.	d.
March 7.	Balance in the Treasurer's hands	101	12	8
April —.	Hon. J. Macaulay's subscription	10	0	0
1857.				
	Sales at Depository, 1856,	28	15	7
March 14.	Subscriptions, 1856, less commission	48	6	8
Total receipts.....		£188	14	11
1856.	<i>Disbursements.</i>	£	s.	d.
March 20.	Paid one quarter's subscription, 1855, to the Parent Society	22	5	0
June 7.	Bill on England for books	61	13	4
1857.				
March 7.	Paid Rev. F. W. Dobbs, missionary at Portsmouth	20	0	0
"	Paid Rev. E. C. Bower, Barriefield	20	0	0
"	Special grant to Rev. J. S. Clarke, minister, St. Paul's.....	12	10	0
"	Paid Mrs. Ferns per centage, 1855 and 1856,.....	3	14	8
"	Expense Depository, freights, postages, &c.	3	18	5
"	Expense of the M. D. B. Church Society, including freights, deputations, postages, &c	7	15	8½
Total disbursements		151	16	9½
Balance in the Treasurer's hands		36	18	1½
Total		£188	14	11

Kingston, March 17, 1856.

(Audited and approved),

T. KIRKPATRICK, }
A. H. CAMPBELL, } *Auditors.*

The Special Committee on the Episcopal Endowment Fund beg leave to report that they have done during the summer and fall all that was in their power to do towards raising that portion of the endowment of the Kingston Diocese allotted to this district. After much consideration the committee made an apportionment, the best in their judgment which could be made, to each parish or mission in the district. The whole amount thus apportioned was £2275. This apportionment, a copy of which is here subjoined, received the sanction of the bishop, and was then enclosed to the incumbent of each parish or mission. The committee are happy to report that, as a general thing, it was the impression that the amount could be raised when needed, or when some general and united movement should be made. The committee have also to report that the Venerable Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge has contributed the large sum of £500 sterling towards the endowment of the bishopric.

CARRYING PLACE, MURRAY.

This parish has been making exertions to purchase the glebe lands originally given by the crown to constitute it a rectory, but which were resumed by the crown in consequence of the patents not having been secured, and then purchased by the Parent Society. £240 has been subscribed in the parish towards this object.

Kingston District Branch in account with the Parent Society.

Subscriptions from Saint George, Kingston	£48	6	8
“ from Shanonville	15	17	8
	64	4	4
Deduct for eight incorporated members.....	10	0	0
	54	4	4
One-fourth of remainder.....	13	11	1
Eight incorporated members.....	£10	0	0
One-fourth	18	11	1
	28	11	1
Remitted from Shanonville	15	17	8
	£ 7	13	5

BATHURST DISTRICT.

The annual meeting of this Branch of the Church Society of the Diocese of Toronto, took place in the church in the city of Ottawa, on Wednesday, the 11th of March. The business of the meeting was preceded by the celebration of Divine service, and a sermon by the Rev. J. A. Morris, of the parish of Fitzroy and Pakenham.

The chairman of the district, the Rev. Dr. Strong, upon taking the chair, fully explained the nature, objects, and aims of the society, and invited all the parishes and missions cordially to co-operate in carrying out the great and important work the society has in view.

The Rev. C. B. Pettit, of Richmond, was then appointed Secretary.

Reports from the following parochial branches were then given in and read, and favourably received by the meeting: Ottawa, Huntley, Fitzroy and Pakenham, Pembroke and Richmond.

It was then moved by the Rev. J. A. Morris, and seconded by Mr. Fraser, and carried unanimously:

“That the circumstances of the Church in Canada, thrown as she now is for her support upon the means to be provided for by her members, is an imperative call upon her clergy and laity to put forth their utmost efforts in behalf of the Church Society, and this meeting therefore desires to impress upon the minds of all her members in the district, the necessity which exists for their utmost efforts in her behalf.

Moved by Captain Baker, and seconded by Mr. Harris, and carried unanimously:

"That while this meeting regrets that some of the missions in the district have never yet reported to the district branch any efforts in support of the Society, they cannot but look with pleasure upon the exertions which have been made by others.

Moved by Judge Armstrong, seconded by the Rev. C. B. Pettit, and carried unanimously:

"That we especially rejoice to see a successful effort made to support missions in this neighbourhood by the appropriation of £30 per annum for the past and present year from the Ottawa Parochial Branch of the Society, towards the establishment of a missionary at Osgoode, Russell, and Cumberland, whose labours have been so acceptable that two churches have been erected in the past year, and large congregations collected.

Moved by Mr. Fitzgibbon and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Codd:

"That we shall expect at the next annual meeting of this district branch of the Church Society, parochial reports from every clergyman, shewing that some efforts have been made by the members of his churches towards meeting the demands which the present condition of the church entitles her to make.

Moved by the Rev. M. Baker, seconded by the Rev. James Godfrey:

"That only by such exertions can we expect to see the valley of the Ottawa provided with churches and clergymen, and the thousands of souls which will ere long occupy it, fed with that bread of life which the church is the channel of conveying.

Moved by Capt. Baker, seconded by the Rev. C. B. Pettit:

"That the thanks of this meeting are due and are hereby offered to the Rev. J. A. Morris, for the sound and able sermon he delivered before us to-day, and that he be requested to furnish the Secretary with a copy of the same with a view to its publication.

Moved by the Rev. C. B. Pettit, and seconded by the Rev. Mr. Baker:

"That the resolutions be printed and circulated throughout the district.

After some little discussion two more resolutions were unanimously adopted, to the effect that the parochial branches be requested to place at the disposal of the committee of management at least one-fourth of all sums received by them for Church Society purposes, and that the committee of management be requested to meet in the church in the city of Ottawa, the 2nd Wednesday in December next.

The meeting then closed by the chairman reading prayers.

PERTH

The circumstances which retarded the simultaneous action of this parish in behalf of the Society still continue, and must for a few years longer. The new church has been nobly begun, and this year it is hoped good progress will be made in the work. All the subscriptions towards the building are now being collected; still, your Committee feel desirous of complying with all the rules of the Church Society, and not omit the annual canvass of this Parochial Association. The result of their canvass, they are

happy to report, shews an *increase* over the amount collected last year. As they consider the amount, however, *still small*, they are desirous to appropriate the entire to the funds of the Society.

FITZROY AND PAKENHAM.

The material interests of the Church among us during the past year have been at a stand still. It is with much regret we have to state that the church in Fitzroy Harbour still remains in the same unfinished state as the year before last, owing entirely to the failure of contributors to the building fund to discharge their obligations. The Committee have lately determined on taking active measures for insuring the payment of arrears; which, together with sums forwarded from other parts of the Diocese, and others promised, will, it is hoped, put the building in the ensuing summer in a state fit for divine service.

The first step has been taken for the division of St. Mark's churchyard into convenient burying lots—an arrangement from which much future advantage is expected to result. A handsome set of service books, valued at upwards of £30, has been just received as a gift from the Church Society for the use of St. Mark's Church.

The following items will exhibit the present financial condition of the mission :

FITZROY HARBOUR.

Total offertory collections from 1st Jan. 1856, to 1st Jan. 1857...	£9	15	7
St. Mark's, Pakenham	5	14	1½
Ninth Line Church.....	2	6	4
Howard's shop	0	12	8

Total Special Collections.

Fitzroy Harbour.....	£3	0	6
St. Mark's	2	10	9
9th Line	1	11	4

Total £7 2 7

The present is the third anniversary of the Society in this mission. The last collection taken up in its behalf was the smallest.

The gross amount collected was.....	£20	11	3½
Deduct for various expenses.....	1	14	7

Remainder.....	18	16	8½
One-fourth remitted to Parent Society	4	14	3

Total	£14	2	6½
Deduct for postage and freight.....	0	5	4

Net proceeds 18 17 2½

Of the whole or gross sum, the greater part, namely, £12 14s. 5d., being collected in Fitzroy Harbour and vicinity, a corresponding proportion is justly claimed by that end of the mission, viz., £9, leaving to be appropriated by the congregation of St. Mark's Church, £4 17s. 2½d.

To the foregoing add the following miscellaneous collections, viz.

Collected by Robert Armstrong and James Howard for Bible and Prayer Book	£1	6	3
Subscriptions for font for St. Mark's Church.....	0	15	0
Offertory Collections in St. Mary's school house in 1854, received in 1856.....	0	7	4
Total	£2	8	7

Total Collections.

Church Society	£20	11	3½
Offertory Collections	18	8	8½
Miscellaneous	2	8	7
Total	£41	8	7

JOHNSTON DEANERY.

The annual meeting was held in St. John's Church, Prescott, on Thursday evening, March 11. There were present of the clergy, the Rev. H. Patton, R. Blakey, M. Kerr, R. Lewis, R. L. Stephenson, J. Carroll, F. Tane, W. C. Clarke, J. Parnell, and the secretary, Rev. J. T. Lewis, LL.D.

After evening prayer had been read, the Rev. R. Blakey called on the Secretary to read the report.

The Secretary stated to the meeting that in consequence of his having received the various reports only within the last twenty-four hours, he had not time to embody them in a distinct report, but would read them individually.

PRESCOTT AND MAITLAND.

Annual Subscriptions	£27	18	7½
Rector's Subscription	1	5	0
Quarterly Collections.....	17	17	8
Total	£47	1	8½

HAWKESBURY AND VANKLEEK HILL.

Annual Subscriptions	£22	8	0
Quarterly Collections.....	15	12	2
Total	£37	15	0

KEMPTVILLE AND BURRITT'S RAPIDS.

Annual Subscriptions, Kemptville	£40	0	0
“ Burritt's Rapids	20	0	0
Quarterly Sermons, Kemptville	8	0	0
“ Burritt's Rapids	4	0	0
Total	£72	0	0

LANSDOWNE AND LEEDS.

Quarterly Sermons	£5	11	1
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REPORT.

CORNWALL.

Annual Subscriptions	£37 18 0½
Girls' Missionary Box	0 8 2½
Fees granted by Rector	1 13 9
Quarterly Collections.....	21 8 9½
Total	£61 8 9½

MOUNTAIN.

Quarterly Collections	£5 6 3
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OSNABRUCK.

Quarterly Collections	£5 10 0
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GANANOQUE.

Quarterly Collections	£3 0 0
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ELIZABETHTOWN.

Quarterly Collections	£7 10 0
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BROCKVILLE.

Annual Subscriptions	£55 0 0
Quarterly Collections	44 15 0
Total	£99 15 0

MORRISBURGH.

No Report.

MERRICKVILLE.

No Report.

Total£344 17 10

The sum total of contributions in this District for the objects of the Church Society during the past year shews an increase of £64 11s. 9d½. over those of last year.

RESOLUTIONS

PASSED AT THE FIFTEENTH GENERAL MEETING HELD IN ST. JAMES'
PAROCHIAL SCHOOL HOUSE, TORONTO, 16TH JUNE, 1857.

Moved by J. W. GAMBLE, Esq., M.P.P., seconded by the Rev.
Dr. FULLER, and

Resolved, That the report now read be adopted, and printed for circulation.

Moved by the Rev. W. S. DARLING, seconded by the Rev. VAN
RANSALLAER, and

Resolved, That the marked extension and prosperity of the church throughout the world, notwithstanding the many difficulties she has to contend with, calls for devout thankfulness to that Almighty Being who has vouchsafed at once to suggest and bless the means used for that end, and should stir us all up to increased and more united efforts to extend her cords and strengthen her stakes within our boundaries.

Moved by Rev. J. A. MORRIS, seconded by the Rev. ROBERT
SHANKLIN, and

Resolved, That since growth is the great proof of life, the church, in order to prove her possession of that spiritual vitality which belongs alone to the mystical body of Christ, must ever seek to enlarge by earnest missionary exertions, the sphere of her holy influence.

Moved by the Rev. the Provost of Trinity College, seconded
by Professor BUCKLAND, and

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting that it is the bounden duty of every professing Christian systematically to set apart a certain portion of the talents which the Almighty has entrusted to him for the promotion of his honour and the welfare of his church; and if this principle were not only admitted but acted upon, there can be no question but that the various calls of the Church Society would be cheerfully and liberally responded to.

Moved by Rev. T. S. KENNEDY, seconded by Rev. C. E. BROUGH
and

Resolved, That the thanks of the society are due, and are hereby tendered to the gentlemen of the several committees, for their services during the past year.

THE SECRETARY IN ACCOUNT WITH THE CHURCH SOCIETY, DIOCESE OF TORONTO, FOR 1856-57.

Dr.	RECEIPTS.		DISBURSEMENTS.	Cr.
	To General Purpose Fund.....	£1312 8 4	By General Purpose Fund.....	£1484 17 9
	Widows and Orphans' Fund.....	1098 9 1	Widows and Orphans' Fund	1299 19 2
	Mission Fund.....	430 14 4	Mission Fund.....	561 0 5
	Students' Fund	254 5 5	Students' Fund	200 0 0
	Cathedral Establishment.....	10 17 0	Society P. G. F. P.	28 5 8
	Society P. G. F. P.....	169 14 2	St. George's Parsonage	1 8 2
	Kent Testimonial Fund.....	14 0 0	Cornwall Parochial School	14 10 0
	St. George's Parsonage.....	4 18 8½	See of Toronto	10 5 8
	Cornwall Parochial School Fund.....	15 0 0	Orillia Parsonage	27 3 6
	See of Toronto	10 0 0	Vaughan Endowment	9 7 6
	Orillia Parsonage	27 13 6	Cartwright	0 0 3
	Vaughan Endowment	9 7 6	St. George's, Grafton	0 17 6
	Indian Mission	15 1 3		
	St. George's, Grafton	5 0 0		
		£3377 9 3½		£3637 9 1
	Balance from last year.....	1181 19 1	Balance in hand.....	921 19 3½
		£4559 8 4½		£4559 8 4½

EDWARD GOLDSMITH, }
J. W. BRENT, } Auditors.

Toronto, June 13, 1857.

APPENDIX.

STATEMENT OF INVESTED FUNDS.

WIDOWS AND ORPHAN'S FUND.

179 shares of Bank of Upper Canada Stock	£2248 17 6
6 do. Commercial Bank	150 0 0
British America Insurance Stock	128 15 0
Bond of H. Rowsell for amount of Depository account (balance)	490 2 1
Do. for account of Diocesan Press	134 16 6
Loan Manvers Parsonage	82 0 0
Do. Elora Parsonage	87 10 0
Rev. J. W. E. Morris (balance)	12 10 0
Dr. Hunter's bond (balance)	100 0 0
Loan Clarke Parsonage	50 0 0
Instalments on Lands	550 12 0
Middlesex Debentures (per value £)	973 5 5
Simcoe do. do.	214 7 11
Grand Trunk Telegraph do.	1220 0 0
Loan Rev. Mr. Green	100 0 0
Bequest by Dr. Burnside	750 0 0
St. Catherines debentures	550 0 0
	£7752 16 5

GENERAL PURPOSES FUND.

Balance amount assumed by H. Rowsell on account of Diocesan Press	98 10 4
Instalments on lands	228 4 6
	£821 14 10

MISSION FUND.

British America Insurance Stock	437 10 0
3 shares Bank U. Canada do.	37 10 0
Loan to Warwick Parsonage	100 0 0
Bequest by Dr. Burnside	1000 0 0
	£1575 0 0

KENT TESTIMONIAL FUND.

14 shares Bank U. Canada Stock	175 0 0
British America Insurance do.	14 17 0
	£189 17 0

CORNWALL PAROCHIAL SCHOOL FUND.

7 shares Commercial Bank Stock	175 0 0
1 share Bank U. C.	12 10 0
	£198 10 0

RECAPITULATION.

Widows and Orphans' Fund	7752 16 5
General Purposes Fund	321 14 10
Mission Fund	1575 0 0
Kent Testimonial Fund	189 17 0
Cornwall Parochial School Fund	187 10 0
	£10026 18 8

SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE XV. YEAR.

Dr.	GENERAL PURPOSE FUND.			Cr.			
1857—April 30.	£	s.	d.	1856—May 1.	£	s.	d.
To Expenditure as follows:				By balance	309	16	3
Grants of Books	130	0	9	Am't received from Parochial			
“ to Churches	232	10	0	Branches and Collections ...	1227	17	6
“ to Mrs. Graham.....	10	0	0	Investments returned.....	65	13	6
Rowsell's account for Printing				Rent.....	14	2	0
and Stationery.....	262	16	1	Mono Glebe for this account..	44	5	10
Taxes	95	13	4	Sundry accounts to close	65	0	0
Low costs.....	22	3	11	Error in Bank account	4	15	4
Office rent.....	75	0	0				
Auditors	25	0	0				
Travelling expenses	34	6	7				
Discount on Cheques, &c.	1	5	6				
Taxes account, Home District,	3	19	8				
Salaries of Secretary, Clerk and							
Messenger	520	0	0				
Petty expenses	27	12	3				
On account of Mono Glebe.....	44	5	10				
Sundry accounts to close	152	18	11				
Bank error	2	17	7				
Balance to credit of account...	91	0	0				
	£1731	10	5		£1731	10	5

Dr.	WIDOWS AND ORPHANS' FUND.						Cr.
1857—April 30.	£	s.	d.	1856—May 1.	£	s.	d.
Pensions to Widows & Orphans	380	0	0	By balance.....	948	18	10
Investments during the year...	908	5	0	Collections and subscriptions...	637	1	10
Paid Taxes on lands	11	10	5	Dividends and interest	436	7	2
Agency on Drafts collected ...	0	3	9	Investments returned.....	25	0	0
Elora Parsonage (the amount being included in investments to credit of the Fund).....	98	15	0				
Balance to credit.....	648	13	8				
	£2047	7	10		£2047	7	10

